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TODAY'S WEATHER: Cloudy with occasional fair periods.  
Observations: Barometric pressure: 1017.0 mbs., 30.63 in. Tem-  
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## DUTCH OCCUPY JOGJAKARTA

Fails In His  
Quest

## Snow Sweeping The U.S.

### 21 PEOPLE DIE IN ACCIDENTS

Chicago, Dec. 19.—A driving  
snowstorm pelted the East to-  
day and the toll of dead in  
weather accidents rose in the  
nation.

Heavy snow was swept into  
the East from the Mid-Western  
States, where it left a blanket  
four to seven inches thick and  
slowed highway traffic to a  
crawl.

At least 21 persons were killed in  
accidents attributed to the weather,  
including 13 who died in the col-  
lision of two buses on a slipper-  
y, snow-covered highway near Belle  
in Utah last night.

Weather forecasters here said snow  
was falling from Virginia to the  
Southern New England States after  
moving across Ohio and Pennsylv-  
ania. In New York City the fall  
began in the early morning and had  
reached 15 inches by 7 p.m. EST.  
It is expected to continue until  
midnight at the rate of 1 1/2 inches  
hourly.

### SNOW FIGHTERS OUT

The big city, mindful of its record  
25.8-inch fall last December 28, sent  
7,500 snow fighters out on the streets  
to handle clearing operations.

Snow fell steadily at Philadelphia  
and delayed the championship pro-  
fessional football game between the  
Philadelphia Eagles and Chicago  
Cardinals for half an hour.

Two persons were killed at  
Somerset, Pa., when a car skidded  
off a bridge into a stream, and there highway fatalities  
were counted in Illinois, where the  
snowfall was as much as seven  
inches. Eleven persons were injured,  
four seriously, in Manhattan when a  
single auto carrying 13 persons  
skidded and hit a power pole.

Only intermittent snow remained  
in the mid-West, but the highways  
were slick with ice and slush and  
motorists were warned to drive  
carefully. Forecasters said rain  
was falling in the Southwest and  
some snow falling in Montana and  
North Dakota. Elsewhere the weather  
was clear.

### NEW YORK'S 17.5 IN.

New York, Dec. 19.—A snowstorm  
ravaging the record "big snow of  
1947" buried New York in swirling  
white drifts today and promised to  
disrupt the resumption tomorrow  
morning of pre-Christmas activity.

At 9 p.m. the snow had reached  
depths of 17.5 inches. The Weather  
Bureau predicted that the storm  
would become the third worst in the  
history of the city, ranking only be-  
hind the 25.8 record of last Decem-  
ber 28 and the blizzard of 1888.

The Bureau said the snow, lashed  
by strong Northeast winds, would  
continue until early tomorrow  
morning, piling up to 20 inches. The  
snow began at 6:20 a.m.

Unlike last December, this storm  
did not catch the city unawares.  
The Sanitation Department, which  
removed 80,000,000 tons of snow  
last year, threw 18,000 men and  
3,200 snow-fighting machines into  
the fight to keep open the city's  
5,000 miles of streets.—United Press.

## Palestine War Over Says Bunche

New York, Dec. 19.—Dr. Ralph  
Bunche, acting United Nations  
mediator in Palestine, today declared  
that the war in Palestine was over.  
Dr. Bunche arrived from Europe  
and said, "I do say the war in  
Palestine is at present over. Any  
fighting going on there is only local  
incidents. The problem of Palestine  
is well on the way to final solution.  
The Jewish State is firmly  
established and the immigration  
problem also well on the way to  
solution."—United Press.

### Bride Killed Hour After Wedding

Sydney, Dec. 19.—Less than an  
hour after her marriage, a 19-year-  
old bride was killed instantly today  
while riding with her husband on a  
motor-cycle to their wedding break-  
fast at Warwick, Queensland.

The cycle skidded on a patch of  
ice, and the bride, who was follow-  
ing by car, was killed. The bride's  
skull was fractured and her 21-year-  
old husband suffered severe cuts and  
shock.

The minister who married them  
will officiate at the girl's funeral.  
—Reuters.

## SEVERAL REPUBLICAN LEADERS CAPTURED

### Soerkarno And Hatta Under Detention

Batavia, Dec. 19.—The Dutch Army tonight occupied the In-  
donesian Republican capital, Jogjakarta, and captured all the chief  
Republican leaders—within 24 hours of launching its "police action"  
against the Republic. Normally this would prove a paralyzing blow  
but as the Republican forces are adapted to guerilla warfare, a  
complete collapse of Indonesian resistance has not followed.

With the Republican Radio at Jogjakarta silent, the only information  
available tonight came from official Dutch sources, and it was difficult to judge  
the strength of the Republican resistance.

The Dutch Army Command has not disclosed its immediate objective and  
there was no indication if the advance of its police forces were going according  
to plan.

No linkup between the airborne troops dropped on Jogjakarta and Dutch  
ground forces has yet been announced nor any news of the progress towards a  
junction.

The leading Republican prisoners—President I. R. Soerkarno, the Premier,  
Dr. Mohammed Hatta, and Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, ex-Premier, among others—were  
held in the homes of the President, Dr. Soerkarno, and Dr. Hatta.

A Dutch Army communique  
announced that after the capture  
of Jogjakarta, a plane piloted by  
an American landed with seven  
passengers, all of whom  
had been interned for investigation.

The capture of the Indonesian  
leaders was made during the para-  
troops' occupation of Jogjakarta.  
Included among the interned persons  
were Air Commander Soerlaksana,  
the Republican Foreign Minister,  
Haji Agus Salim, and the chairman  
of the Indonesian Provisional Parlia-  
ment, Dr. Asnat.

The internees were taken to the  
Palace of President Soerkarno, the  
communique added.

The identity of the crew and pas-  
sengers of the plane—a Catalina  
flying boat—captured in Jogjakarta  
remains a matter of speculation to-  
night but the episode is thought to  
point to a last minute attempt by  
sympathizers to evacuate the Re-  
publican leaders.

Batavia has spent an uneventful  
Sunday. The only evidence of the  
conflict here is the presence of  
large numbers of armed servicemen  
in the streets.

The Dutch lightning swoop on the  
Republican capital followed last  
night's The Hague announcement  
that the Dutch Government had  
decided to break its year-old truce  
with the Republicans and start a  
"purge against terrorising powers"  
in the Dutch-held territory.

The United Nations Good Offices  
Committee, which has been medi-  
ating between the Dutch and the  
Republicans, sent a cable asking the  
Security Council to give the new  
situation "most urgent consideration."  
The Committee's secretary,  
Mr. T. G. Narayan, announced.

### COMMITTEEMEN STRANDED

The Australian and Belgian mem-  
bers of the Good Offices Committee,  
together with members of the Com-  
mittee's staff, were today stranded in  
Kallurang, near Jogjakarta.

The Committee's headquarters in  
Batavia had been unable to contact  
Kallurang since the Dutch began  
their action shortly after midnight.

A Dutch communique said Ma-  
rines had landed on the north coast  
of Java and had crossed the status  
quo line in Central and East Java  
and Central Sumatra. Observers  
considered these reports indicated  
the Dutch were using extensive  
forces.

Dutch paratroops landed at Ma-  
guwo afield, eight miles from  
Jogjakarta, early today and cap-  
tured the airfield practically un-  
damaged.

Airborne troops landed shortly  
afterwards and began to move  
against the Republican capital. The  
Republican Radio went off the air  
for a time and was believed to be  
broadcasting programmes from  
Batavia when it resumed later.

Dutch ground troops were reported  
to have reached Karanganyar,  
about 40 miles west of Jogjakarta,  
and a few miles on the Republican  
side of the Dutch-Republican  
border.

Vice-Admiral A. S. Pinke, Royal  
Netherlands Navy Commander in  
Indonesian waters, appealed in an  
Order of the Day to Dutch naval  
forces to do their duty against  
"a merciless enemy."

Usually well informed circles in  
Singapore believed that Dr. I. R.  
Soerkarno, the Indonesian Re-  
publican President, was still on Re-  
publican territory, and that an Indian  
plane, which was to have taken  
him to a conference in India, had  
been turned back.

### PRESS CENSORSHIP

Batavia was completely calm to-  
day, the police arresting 45 people  
in the city during the night. The  
Dutch authorities have imposed a  
censorship on press cables. Little  
damage appeared to have been  
done during the occupation of  
Jogjakarta by Dutch paratroops,  
according to news reaching here.

Only one fire was seen, an official  
Dutch statement said.

The Dutch Army Commander in  
Indonesia, Lieutenant General S.H.  
Spoor, watched the paratroops' oc-  
cupation of Maguwo Airfield from  
his own plane.

Radio Batavia reported that Dutch  
troops were handing out pamphlets  
in areas to be mopped up.

The Netherlands Government will  
make a statement of the Indonesian  
situation to the Second Chamber of  
the Dutch State-General (Parlia-  
ment) tomorrow.

Members of Parliament have  
received urgent messages to this  
effect. The Indonesian situation will  
be given priority over subjects now  
being discussed.

Dr. Octoyo, the Indonesian Re-  
publican representative in Singapore,  
said today that the Dutch-controlled  
Radio Bandoeng had announced the  
resignation of Kaden Adli, Para-  
direct, former Minister of the West  
Java State of Pasundan, following  
the resumption of Dutch military  
action against the Republic today.

Pasundan was set up as a separate  
State in December, 1947, after the  
Dutch occupation of West Java dur-  
ing last year's fighting.—Reuters.

### NO VICTIMISATION

The Hague, Dec. 19.—The Minister  
of Foreign Affairs, D. V. Stikker,  
told a press conference today that  
Holland hoped that action in In-  
donesia would be over "in a couple  
of days" but added that "some  
guerrilla fighting might take a longer  
time." Mr. Stikker called newsmen  
to his office to read a three-page  
statement explaining the Dutch  
Government's policy on Indonesia.

Mr. Stikker, answering questions  
on what would happen to the cap-  
tured Indonesian officials, said, "We  
will try to treat them with all honour  
due to their rank. We do not want  
to have any victimisations. I would  
like them to stay at their homes for  
the time being."

Mr. Stikker said the only military  
information he could give was the  
capture of Jogjakarta and landing  
operations on the north coast of Java  
about 60 miles from Sourabaya.

A spokesman of the Overseas  
Ministry announced that a temporary  
government has been established in  
Jogjakarta and the Republican  
government and Parliament are  
considered to have ceased to exist.

### ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Mr. Stikker said the Federal  
Interim Government which the Dutch  
had announced they would create  
had not yet been formed. Mr.  
Stikker said that sovereignty and  
responsibility remain with the  
Netherlands, although "we hope to  
hand them over to the Indonesians  
soon."

He said the Federal states—in-  
cluding the states of Pasundan on  
Western Java and the state of  
Western Borneo—would probably  
welcome the Dutch action to restore  
order.

He said the "police action" was  
made necessary by violations of the  
truce agreement by forces against  
non-Republican Indonesians and vi-  
olent threats against anyone who  
desired to accept honesty and loyalty  
of the Dutch, and in favour of  
Indonesian freedom.—United Press.



Dr. Sun Fo, new premier of China, who has failed in  
his quest to form a Cabinet, meditates a moment before  
answering a question during an interview in his home at  
Shanghai.

### REPORTS FROM THE CHINA WAR FRONTS

## Reds Are Closer To Nanking

Nanking, Dec. 20.—The  
Communists edged closer to  
Nanking and increased their  
pressure around Tientsin yes-  
terday, but only scattered  
fighting was reported from any  
China warfront.

Unofficial sources in this capital  
said Communist bands were repulsed  
in an attack on Hsienmuia, only  
15 miles north of the Yangtze River  
and 50 miles northeast of Nanking.

The Communist radio reported  
capture of Tienchang, 50 miles  
north of Nanking and 35 miles  
northwest of Hsienmuia.

While pro-Government papers in-  
sisted the Sixth Army Group and  
the 20th Army had joined at  
Pengpu, Seymour Topping, Asso-  
ciated Press correspondent in  
Pengpu, reported Government forces  
had retreated south from that city  
108 miles northwest of Nanking.

Pengpu was the anchor of the  
Hwai River defence line. Topping  
reported the Government was forced  
to abandon it after the Reds pierced  
the line and by-passed Pengpu on  
both sides.

### NEW HEADQUARTERS

New government field head-  
quarters were set up at Chuhsien,  
20 miles northwest of Nanking  
on the railway from Pengpu.

There was no further government  
word concerning the encircled 12th  
Army group, which the Communists  
have listed as destroyed north-  
west of Pengpu, or from the two  
Government army groups trapped  
southwest of Suchow.

The Communist radio said General  
Huang Wei and General Wu Shou  
Chow, Commander and vice-Com-  
mander of the 12th were among the  
captives.

Harold K. Mills, Associated Press  
correspondent who flew from  
Nanking to Communist surrounded  
Peiping, radioed that he passed over  
the two encircled groups 35 miles  
southwest of Hsuehchow on Friday.  
He saw no signs of any effort to  
break out.

Mills said the Nationalist armies  
there, as in Peiping, seemed to have  
reached a stage of sitting and  
waiting. Mills and a party of  
correspondents and U.S. military  
attaches were out temporarily in  
Peiping by Communist seizure of  
that city's South airport.

### PEIPING CALM

A small emergency field laid out  
inside the walls was considered too  
dangerous for a loaded plane to  
take off. Whereupon General Fu  
Tao-yi, North China Commander,  
promised to recapture the South  
Field so the Americans could leave.

Ringed by Communists, Peiping  
remained calm with its high thick  
walls, where General Fu has con-  
centrated his 100,000 men. There  
were some minor patrol actions out-  
side but abandonment of a number  
(Continued on Page 5)

## Tientsin Is All Astir

Tientsin, Dec. 20.—Tientsin  
is all astir following reports  
that the Communists have  
moved closer to the city by  
many kilometres and will strike  
in earnest very shortly.

Nationalist reports from the  
vicinity of the main airport are not  
cheerful and the city is braced for  
fateful events around the corner.

Street defences and the outer dem-  
arcation Tientsin are being streng-  
thened with the participation of  
Tientsin's own defence brigade,  
formed of local recruits.

Brick fences have been pulled  
down and converted into brick  
pillboxes.

All outlying areas meanwhile are  
under serious threat from the ad-  
vancing Communists, who are re-  
ported just outside Peitsang, only  
10 kilometres west of here.

### LOCAL TRAINS STOP

An armoured train which left  
Yangtsun, 20 kilometres away from  
Peitsang, failed to reach its des-  
tination after three hours, though  
the normal run takes half an hour.

Local trains from Tientsin to-  
wards Peiping have been cancelled  
and railway personnel withdrawn  
from Peitsang.

The railway to Tangku was  
sabotaged yesterday with rails re-  
moved and a bridge blasted between  
Changkuichung and Chunliang-  
cheng, 11 and 23 kilometres east of  
Tientsin.

When a repair train attempted to  
reach the scene, it came under  
attack, consequently there were no  
repairs and no trains for Tangku.

Additionally, the telephone wires  
between Tientsin and Tangku,  
hitherto reserved only for military  
use, was cut around noon yesterday,  
presumably at Changkuichung,  
where the Tientsin airport is located.

### PRICES SHOOT UP

Despite endeavours to bring  
vegetables from the hinterland into  
the city, prices rose over 100 per  
cent overnight.

In beleaguered Peiping, prices  
have risen an average of only 50  
per cent. One hundred and five  
amusement establishments, affected  
by the closure order, contemplate  
petitioning the authorities for per-  
mission to stage afternoon shows  
only.

The Nanking authorities are  
sending Air Force planes to bring  
out of Peiping leading party ad-  
ministrative and educational of-  
ficials stranded there, according to  
Chinese press reports.

With the historic capital well in-  
side the range of Communist bat-  
teries, the Peiping authorities have  
directed residents to prepare shelters  
against shelling in courtyards.  
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## UN Security Council Summoned

Paris, Dec. 20.—The United  
Nations Security Council has  
been summoned to meet this  
morning to discuss the situa-  
tion in Indonesia where Dutch  
troops have opened what they  
call "police action" against  
Indonesian terrorists.

The request for the Council  
meeting was made by the  
United States, supported by  
Australia. The office of the  
Assistant Secretary General of  
the United Nations said, how-  
ever, that it was entirely pos-  
sible there would not be a  
quorum available and that the  
meeting would have to be at  
a later date.

A spokesman explained that  
when the Security Council  
recessed on Friday night there  
was agreement that two or  
three days' notice would be  
given before a future session.  
He said some delegates may  
be out of town.

The meeting was called for  
today nevertheless, in view of  
the urgency of the situation.

The Indonesian Republic  
delegation here had asked the  
Council to discuss the question  
on Friday, but the appeal was  
ignored.—Associated Press.

## Birth Follows Flight From H.K.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Mrs  
Wong Lum Lai Jin, 21, gave  
birth to a 5lb. 6oz. boy in the  
South San Francisco Hospital  
on Saturday, just one hour  
after she arrived on a Philip-  
pines Air Lines plane from  
Hongkong.

Wong Ho-tim, 24, who said he was  
the husband of the new mother, was  
taken into custody by the immigra-  
tion authorities who questioned his  
assertions that he was an American  
citizen. He said he and his wife  
were en route to Bakersfield, Calif.—  
Associated Press.


### EDITORIAL

## Much Talking, Little Done

THE United Nations Assembly  
has adjourned without  
settling its agenda  
without settling any of the  
major issues which it  
debated. It has been a session  
of unbroken talk, with little  
achieved, and it is a fact to  
be deplored that the prestige  
of UN is now at its lowest.  
The truth is that the difficulties  
confronted by the United  
Nations Organisation have re-  
sulted principally, if not entirely,  
from the progressive revelation  
of Russian policy designed to  
promote the ascendancy of  
Soviet Communism in the  
world. Instead of co-operation  
there has been on the part  
of Russia persistent obstruction,  
inordinate use of the veto, and  
vilification of countries from  
whose policies she differed. To  
such an extent have these  
tactics been pursued that a great  
majority of the members of the  
United Nations resolved to  
regard themselves as a "Little  
Assembly" without Russia, and  
her group of satellite states;  
and one of the more significant  
decisions taken during the  
Paris session has been to  
maintain this "Little Assembly"  
for at least another 12 months.  
The decision is significant be-  
cause it appears to involve by  
implication the possibility that  
the United Nations might face  
the unpleasant prospect of be-  
coming "disunited nations" rather  
than "united" indefinitely to  
Soviet obstruction. But in the  
point of positive achievement the  
Paris session has been dis-  
appointing; it has not been un-  
successful. Future developments  
alone can show whether it has  
brought nearer a tolerable settle-  
ment in Palestine. The murder  
of the Assembly, to make a sure  
of his heretic and self-sacrificing  
labours were not in vain.  
Despite its task had been  
seriously complicated by last  
year's session, on the part of the  
United States and Russia, of the

State of Israel, a recognition  
that embittered Arab feeling and  
to that extent rendered a posi-  
tion which was inherently in-  
tractable more intractable still.  
On the other hand it must be  
admitted that ventilation of  
Jewish and Arab claims before  
an international forum may have  
done more to promote ulterior  
agreement than could have been  
done by secret diplomatic nego-  
tiation between the interested  
governments. If the same can  
hardly be said of the efforts to  
bring about a lifting of the  
Russian blockade of Berlin, those  
efforts have undoubtedly helped  
to clear the minds of not a few  
delegations upon the reasons for  
Western resistance to Russian  
tactics. The argument which is  
sometimes used, that continued  
membership of the United  
Nations is valued by Russia  
chiefly for purposes of propa-  
ganda, overlooks the consid-  
eration that publicity may be  
no less valuable to those countries  
whose policy Soviet spokesmen  
denounce. In the appeal to  
world opinion it is by no means  
certain that the Paris Assembly  
has enhanced the efficiency of  
Communist propaganda. Yet be-  
hind this appeal the anxious  
question remains unanswered  
whether the world is in reality  
moving towards a less unsettled  
state of things or towards  
inevitable conflict. Germany is  
divided, Korea is divided and  
unrest prevails in many other  
regions. On the comparatively  
subordinate issues, such as the  
future of former Italian colonies,  
agreement may be in sight. On  
many others a "cold war"  
rather than peace seems the  
major possibility. Even this  
probability does not necessarily  
prove the United Nations futile.  
No very existence compels potential  
or actual aggressors to reckon  
with its moral judgment and  
deters them from inciting its  
ultimate condemnation. Once  
again, doubts and scepticism are  
constrained to ask themselves:  
"Would things be better if the  
United Nations did not exist?"






# THE REAL STALIN

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## FULL-TIME MOTHERS DEPLORED . . .

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

"TOO many women spend the last 30 years of their lives being ex-mothers," said Mrs. Sidonie M. Gruenberg, well-known author and lecturer on parent-child relationships.

As director of the Child Study Association of America for more than 20 years, Mrs. Gruenberg has talked to thousands of mothers.

"Too many of them cease being people when they become mothers," she remarked, "and when the time comes that the children no longer need them, they have no outside interests to turn to."

### Schools Fail

Mrs. Gruenberg, herself the mother of four children and the grandmother of eight, admitted that she had found no general solution to the problem. She blamed both schools and communities for the dilemma of the mother.

"The schools fail to teach girls how they can use their training after they're married," she explained. "And the communities fail to make use of the womanpower outside the home."

She solved her own problem by work with the Child Study Association, which she gradually expanded as her children needed her. Each of the seven women working in the offices of the association is a mother. Time tables have been arranged so that the mothers with young children can spend time with their youngsters.

In other cases Mrs. Gruenberg urged young mothers to resume an interest in music, or volunteer for civic committees, or even to do part-time typing to make enough money to hire someone to take care of the children a few hours a day.

### Mothers Take Turns

"Being a 24-hour-a-day mother is too much for any woman," she stated emphatically. "Every woman needs to get out once in a while and enjoy herself with friends her own age. Both she and the children benefit."

Mrs. Gruenberg believes women could band together to help each other. They could pool their cars

to take the children to and from school, and they could take turns with the youngsters to give each other a chance to pursue an outside interest.

Communities could provide a few hours of child care in supervised centres for any child, Mrs. Gruenberg suggested, instead of reserving the child centres as a "charity" for working mothers. And wherever possible, mothers with specialised training could be given a chance to keep in practice, either through part-time jobs or volunteer work.

Besides making better parents and better citizens, Mrs. Gruenberg said she was convinced her ideas would create more families who sincerely enjoyed each other—as people.

"Parents continue to be men and women long after they cease to be full-time, practicing parents," she added.—United Press.

### GIRLS WHO SHOW THE FASHIONS MAKE THE FASHION NEWS . . .

## PARIS CALLS OUR MODELS

by PATRICIA LENNARD

BRISK Anglo-French lease-lend is growing up between leading fashion models in London and Paris. Back to Paris after a fortnight's modelling in London goes russet-haired, dreamy-eyed Bettina Graziani, one of the most popular mannequins in France.

Over to Paris in January for spring fashion shows at Lanvin will go 20-year-old Eunice Bailey. She will earn £6 5s. a week; hairdressing, manicures, will be free and she will be allowed to wear Lanvin clothes outside her working hours.

WIFE of an estate agent living in Clifford's Inn, 28-year-old model Eve Phillips (below) is expecting her first child in March. But she is a pioneer among model



mothers; she will be modelling motherly clothes at a dress show. And she is doing photographs for a firm which specialises in maternity wear.

A model for over three years, she has flown all over the world with collections of clothes and furs; she met her husband in South Africa.

GABY YOUNG, 30-year-old red-headed British model, who was the hit of Dior's dress show in Paris this summer and who runs a model agency in London, is looking for a model to take her place with Dior for his spring show in February, 1949. First essential is a tiny waist. Gaby's is about 20 inches.

## Coat-Styles Lead Sales In Uniforms

BRIGHT fresh colours—in the blue, green, and pastels—continue to be the best-selling types for domestic uniforms, according to buyers checked recently. Almost inevitably trimmed with white collars and cuffs and worn with a white apron, the domestic uniform has perhaps the most classic style range than the other types. The coat style, button-front is best-selling. Smock-type uniforms, easy-to-get-into wrap-around types, pinafore-type uniforms to be worn with a blouse, all register in this group.

However, several of the buyers say that linen services for restaurants, has eaten into the waitress trade—and the domestics concentrate mostly on nurses (which gives the greatest volume) and domestics (noted as the most loyal customer type).

"Some women will pay almost any price for a good, lasting uniform that will help to give her home and her maid a good appearance," say buyers. Serving uniforms in taffeta and glossy rayon, worn with fully sheer or embroidered aprons are commanding top prices among serving uniform selling right now, with nylon types not so well received, in some cases on mark-down tables.

The novelty uniform—trimmed with embroidery, monogrammed, with contrast bands of colour, coloured belts, ingenious pocket arrangements—comes into its own for the beautiful waitresses, etc. However, many in any other type of fashion-consciousness stands out. "Those girls want attractive, long-enough uniforms, and shop to get them," say manufacturers.

## Brushed Hair Is Healthy



A perfume hair brush that brushes your favorite scent right into your locks is a nice combination of beauty and utility.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN the permanent, wave brush went into retirement. Women got the idea that grooming weakened the wave set. Now they have learned better, and the pupils in the universal beauty class are getting back to Grannie's habit of giving 100 swishes with the brush every night before saying their prayers. That's what Grannie did when she was a young lady.

That brushing is an aid to hair health goes without saying. The brushes pluck out dead shafts, give the glorious crown a house cleaning. Every shaft that is removed is dead; the sooner it is out the better. If the scalp is in a healthy condition, a little fuzzer will appear to carry on.

Brushing has a stimulating effect upon the blood streams in the papillae from which silky threads emerge and from which they receive food and groceries. After the brushing, spread fingers and thumbs over your head; give the flesh a rousing massage.

Unless one's wool is in a healthy state, the hairdo will not qualify. The growth should have life and lustre. Hair that is neglected can look sick ahead. It won't stay put. Undulations weaken, ringlets string out, rolls get skimpy looking. A little care and all is well again.

Don't economise when buying a brush. A poor one is worth nothing at all. You will find lovely ones in toilet goods departments these days.

Forget the beauty budget, buy two. Then you will always have a clean one at hand. For your second brush, you might like to try a new perfume one that gives the hair a pleasant fragrance as you use it.

When combing your hair after the shampoo, use the coarse teeth of the comb. When arranging your tresses, use the fine teeth. After washing brush and comb, place them at a sunny window.

## Beef a la Mode Montreal

THE problem of the high cost of eating seems to be in Canada as well as in the United States," remarked the Chef, as he looked over the restaurant menu. "But it is apparent that here in Montreal they are making very good use of all their meat. It is not exclusively steaks, chops, and roasts, but you have on this menu also calf's brains, liver, sweetbreads and kidneys."

### Mixed Appetisers

At that point the waiter brought in a plate of hors d'oeuvres assortis, that is a plate of mixed appetisers.

"Here is a liver pate," remarked the Chef. "It is very good too," he went on, tasting it critically, "yet it can be made with any kind of liver, even that from the pork. For its excellence, it depends on slow-cooking to keep the liver tender, a seasoning of fine herbs, just enough onion for good flavour, and very fine chopping, so it can be passed easily through a puree sieve to make it very smooth before it is mixed with egg and put in the pan to bake slowly."

The pate was sliced thin and arranged on a single leaf of lettuce in the centre of the plate. Around it were placed two small fillets of smoked herring, two thin slices of summer sausage, two quarters of hard cooked egg, two radishes with crisp green tops, a scallion, and a big spoonful of boiled dried beans seasoned with a little basil and French dressing. There was plenty of bread and butter.

"Observe these beans," exclaimed the Chef. "They are used in the French way as an appetiser."

### Odds and Ends

"And it's a good way to make use of cold beans," I commented. "In fact this delightful plate of hors d'oeuvres is a substantial part of the meal. Yet it consists merely of a number of odds and ends that cost very little."

"You add a thick potage or plate of substantial soup, as you call it, and a simple dessert, and you have a satisfying meal," added the Chef.

"That's true," I agreed, "especially if the soup is made of dried beans or lentils, or is garnished with little meat balls or dumplings." But Chef, let's skip soup today, and see how they serve this beef a la mode."

The Chef called the waiter and spoke to him rapidly in French. "This beef a la mode is a little different from the Parisian style," he reported to me, "but I think it will prove interesting."

The beef a la mode arrived in individual casseroles, each topped with a large crisp crouton of bread, cut a half inch thick, and evidently

### Trick of the Chef

Add enough table salt to 3 c. cold water to float a small potato, then remove it. Cut up 1 lb. rendered lard and add to the salted water. Let stand several days. Then drain and rinse with cold water. Work out the water with butter paddles or a big spoon. Use three rinsing waters. You will have an excellent fat for meat, fish and vegetable cookery, and inside the budget.

## Future Kitchen Fulfills Housewife's Dream

NEW YORK. IT'S just about the time science has things worked out so the housewife does not have to spend so much time in the kitchen, they make the kitchen so attractive she hates to leave. Who wants to walk out of a room which has furniture tailored to fit, a fluorescent sunlamp and so many gadgets that there even are switches that flick themselves?

It may happen to any kitchen.

A report by the Tile Council of America forecasts the day when most kitchen furniture and appliances would come in large, medium and small sizes. The five-foot tall woman need not worry about reaching for dishes, and the tall housewife won't have a backache from bending over the sink.

### "Sunshine Vitamin"

As for the kitchen sun tan, it can come from the most powerful sunlamp ever produced. The new development is a fluorescent lamp which the manufacturer says has five times the total ultraviolet output of the screw-in built type sunlamp. Intensifies below the sun-tanning level will supply vitamin D the "sunshine vitamin," without danger of sunburn.

Somebody even has thought up a switch to handle the noise nuisance of mechanised housework. It automatically shuts off any electrical noise maker when you and the telephone receiver, the electric food mixer in the kitchen, the radio, the vacuum cleaner, or any other noise making gadget goes off as the receiver lifts, and is turned on again automatically when the conversation ends.

An electric silverware cleaner no larger than a fountain pen will save rubbing the family silver. The tiny device, powered by a battery, de-tarnishes sterling or plated silver in a matter of seconds. Just hold the tip against the silver while it is immersed in water containing a pinch of table salt.

Two new developments in electric irons were just reported by the manufacturers. A new electric steam iron can be used for dry ironing merely by flipping a switch. Another new iron has a dial con-

trol to make scorching almost impossible. Not only can you set the control at fabric markings, but there's another control for fast and slow ironers. This "personalised temperature control" means that a fast ironer moves the dial to allow for a faster recovery of the heat lost because of the ironing speed. The iron weighs only three pounds and has a seven-foot cord permanently attached to the handle.

With all this kitchen convenience, there's one new development that threatens to spoil the family's fun just before mealtime. Those fragrant aromas won't come drifting out of the kitchen that's equipped with the latest thing in ventilating fans. A new 10-inch fan whisks out 28 per cent more air than its predecessor, and is reported capable of furnishing a 9 by 12 ft kitchen with a new supply of fresh air every two minutes.

### FASHION FLARE



TUBE frocks with flares—this one is in green and ivory candy striped satin—were the feature of Paris designers' Lanvin's show in London recently. Necklines on most frocks were high, too, and as were waistlines.

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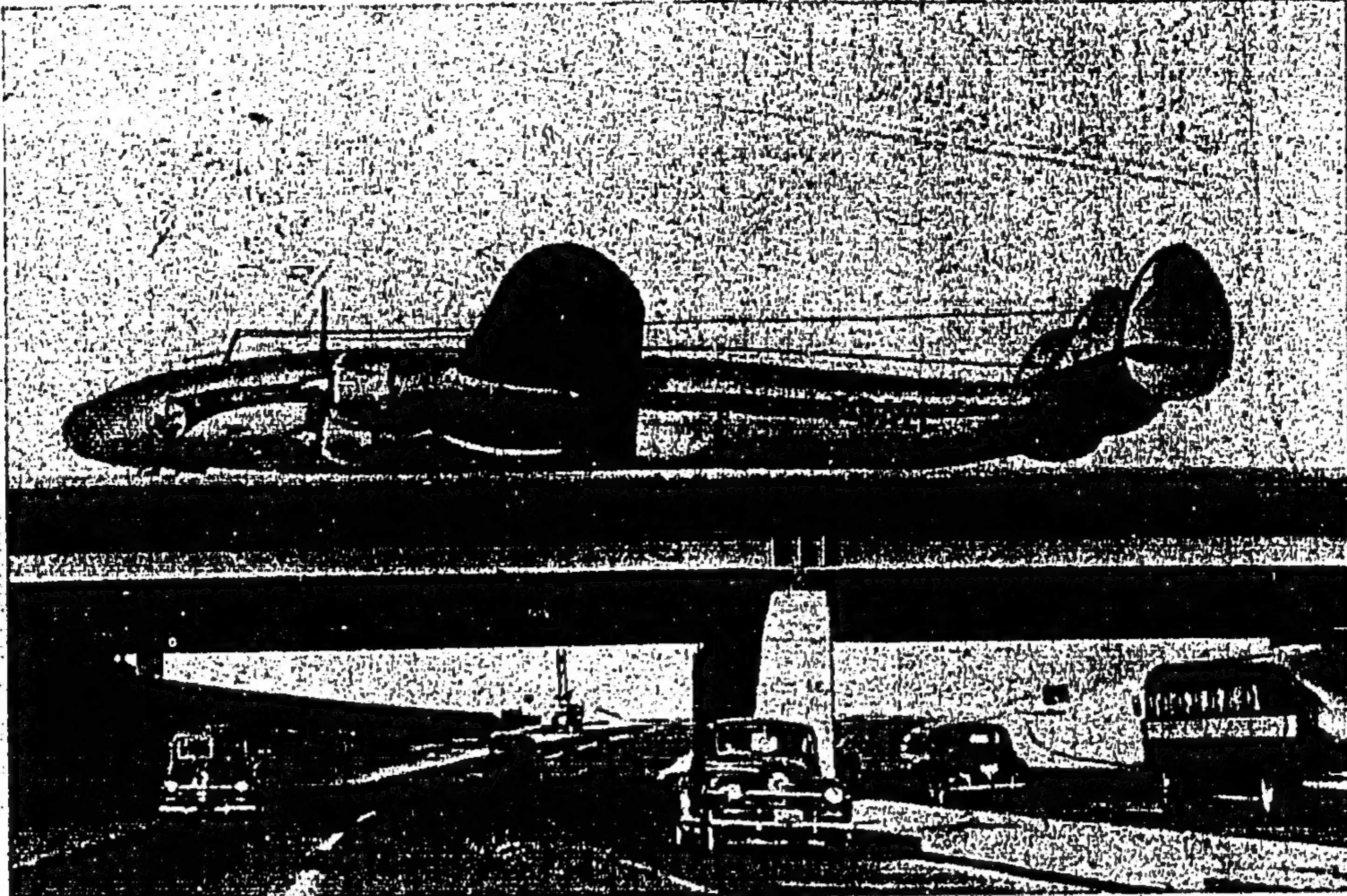
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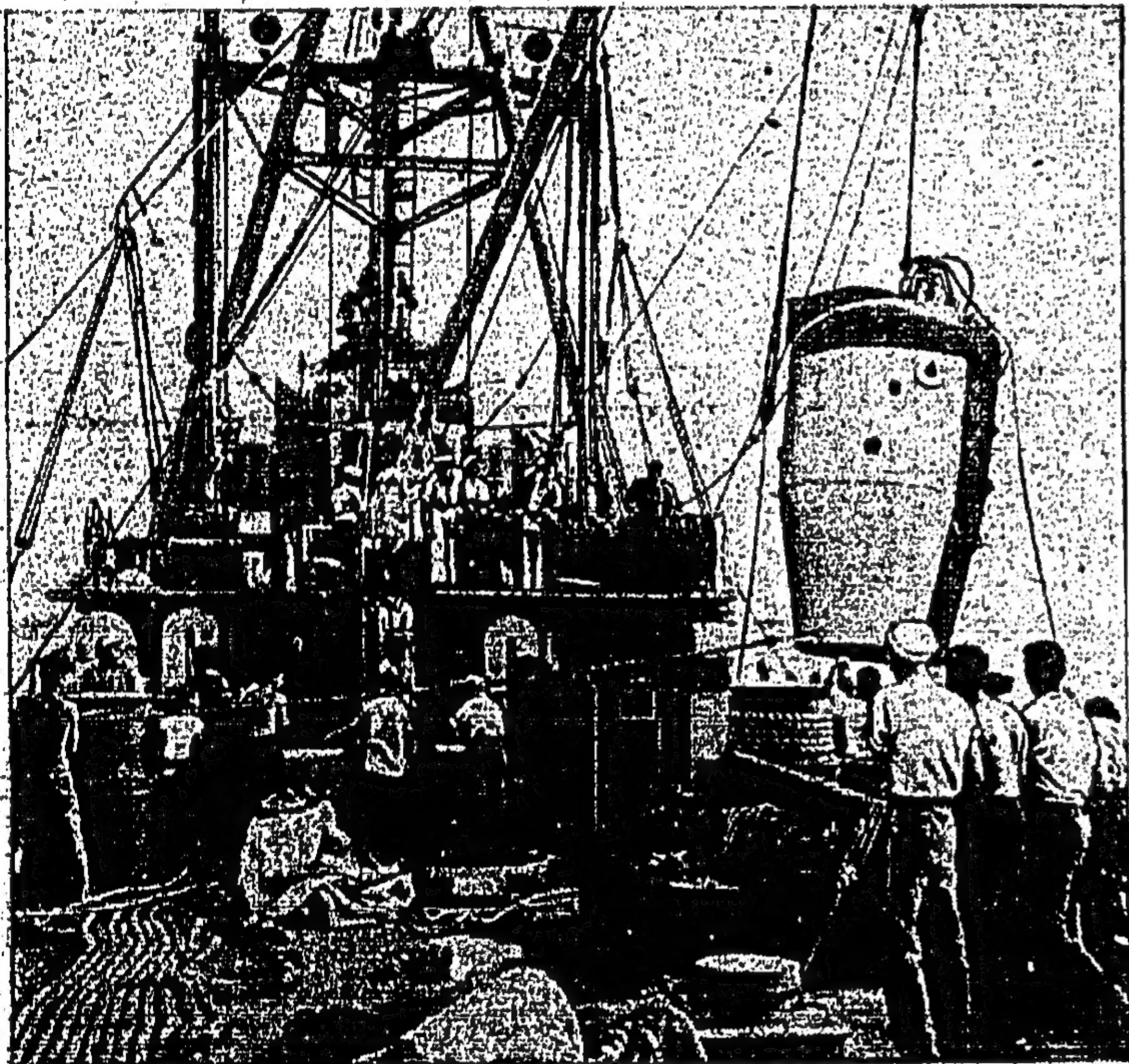
**BUTCHERY BECOMES A LOST ART**—Mrs Charlotte Von Schmude and daughter, Gudrun, look on as a Berlin butcher wields a tin opener while the cleaver lies idle. Most of the meat sent in by the airlift is in tins. Weekly rationing is strict, but sometimes the allotment exceeds ability to pay.



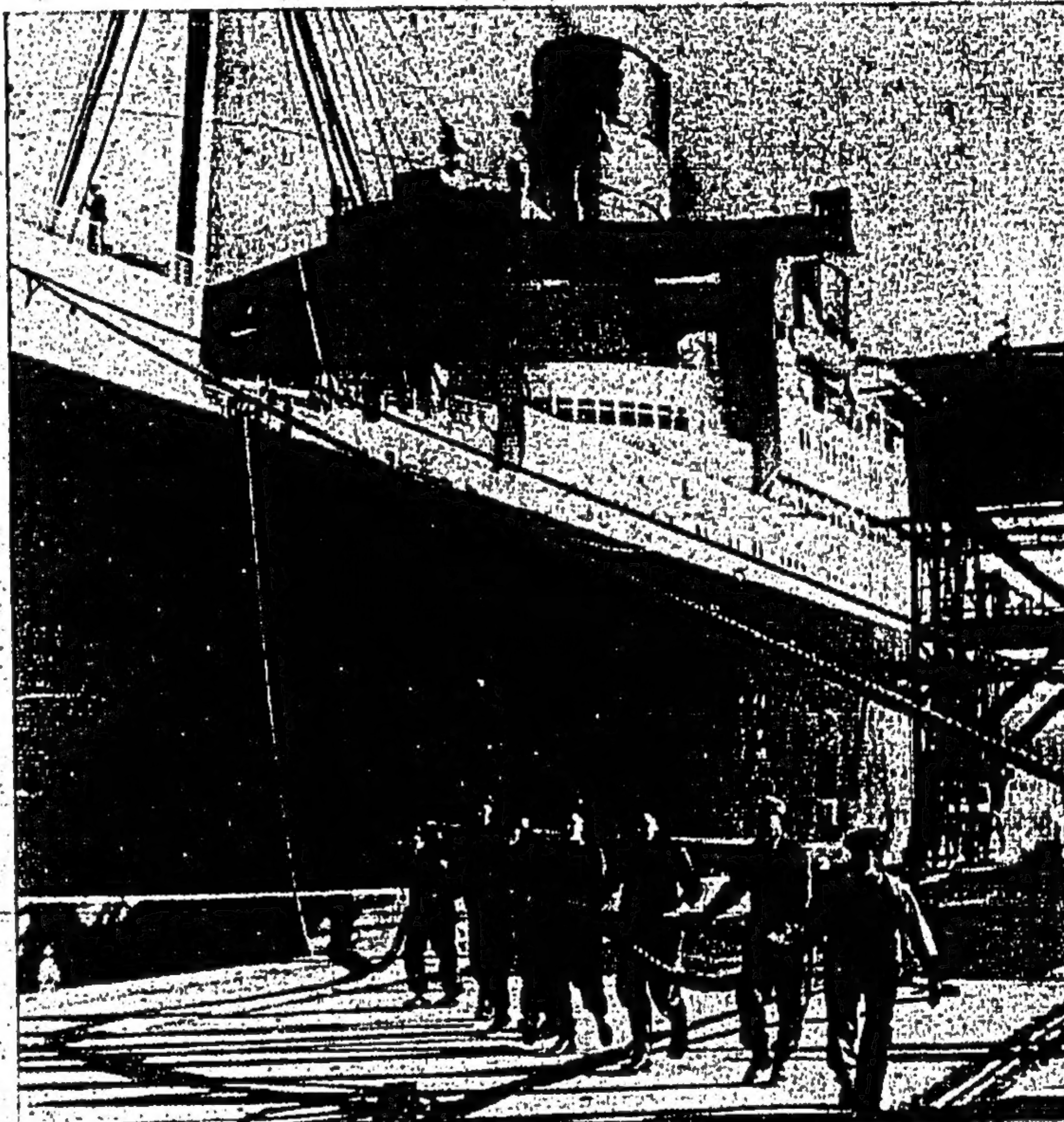
**FAST MOVING WORLD**—A giant Constellation taxis over the world's first roadway underpass at International Airport, New York. Built to permit simultaneous movement of aircraft and surface vehicles, it has two taxiway bridges, each capable of sustaining 300,000-pound planes.



**PEACE TO MEN OF GOOD WILL**—A choir boy assists the monks ringing the bells in the tower of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. With Christmas approaching, the eyes of the world turn to the birthplace of Christ, this little town in a troubled, war-torn land.




**SUBMARINE RESCUE PRACTICE**—Crew members aboard the USS Bluebird prepare to lower a nine-ton diving bell into 168 feet of water off Maui, Hawaii. Five men aboard the sub USS Bumper were "rescued" and the submarine "salvaged" during this semi-annual practice session.



**CRADLE FOR BRITISH SEA QUEENS**—Workers haul ropes from bollard to bollard until the Queen Mary is in the exact spot over the blocks in the King George V graving dock in Southampton. In operation since 1933, the drydock, largest in the world, can accommodate ships up to 100,000 tons. The 81,000-ton Queen Mary is in for its annual overhauling.



**WARTIME UNDERGROUND WORKER**—Miss Amanda Stassgart flew from her native Belgium to the U.S. to be on hand for Freedom Train ceremonies in Staten Island, N. Y. Credited with rescuing 60 Allied fliers during World War II, she is getting a thank you kiss from two of them, former Sgt. T. B. Wiggins and former Lt. Thomas B. Applewhite.

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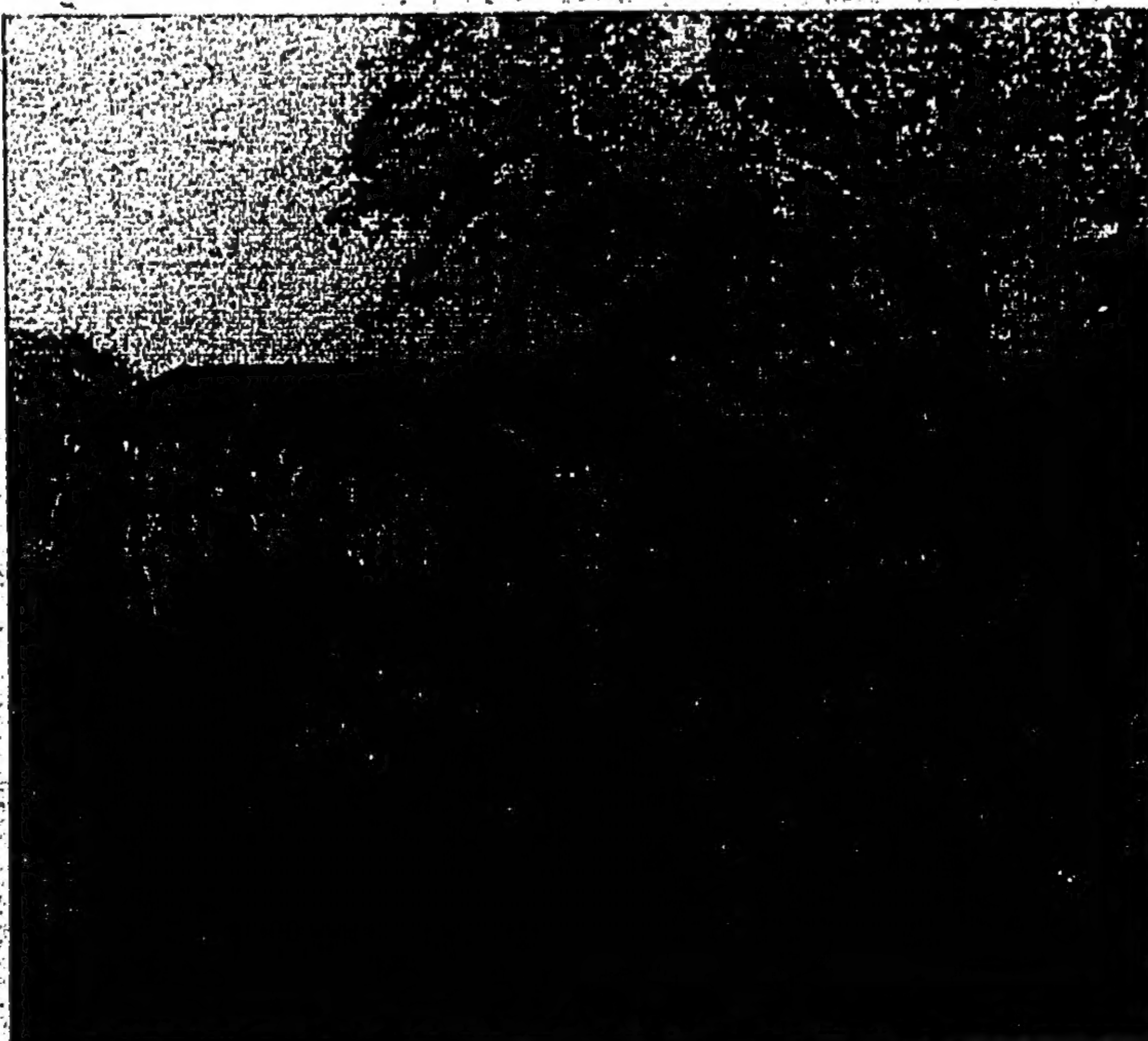
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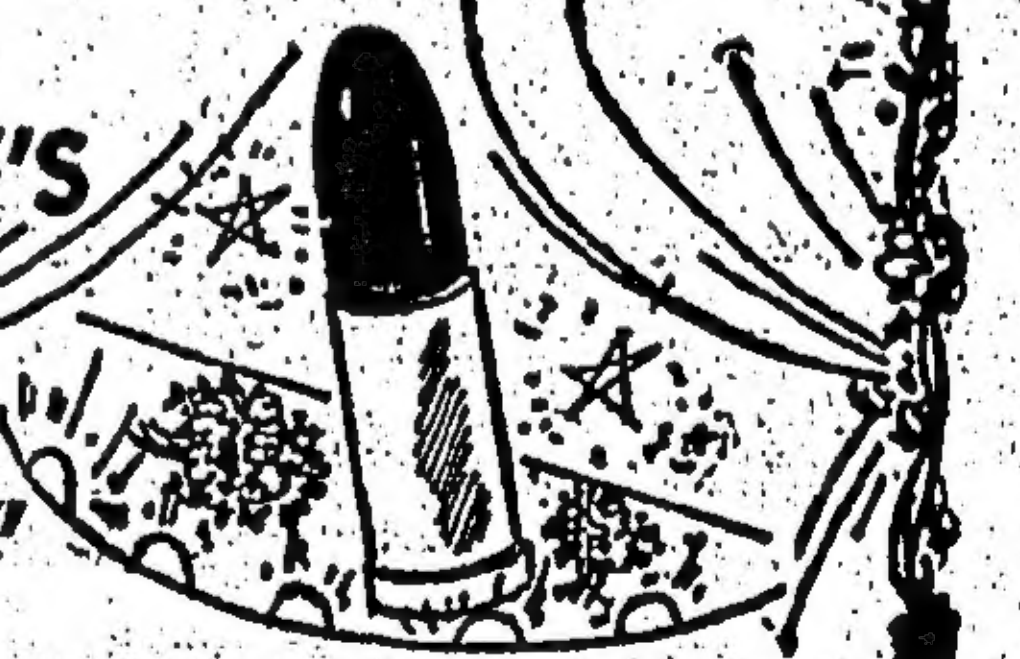
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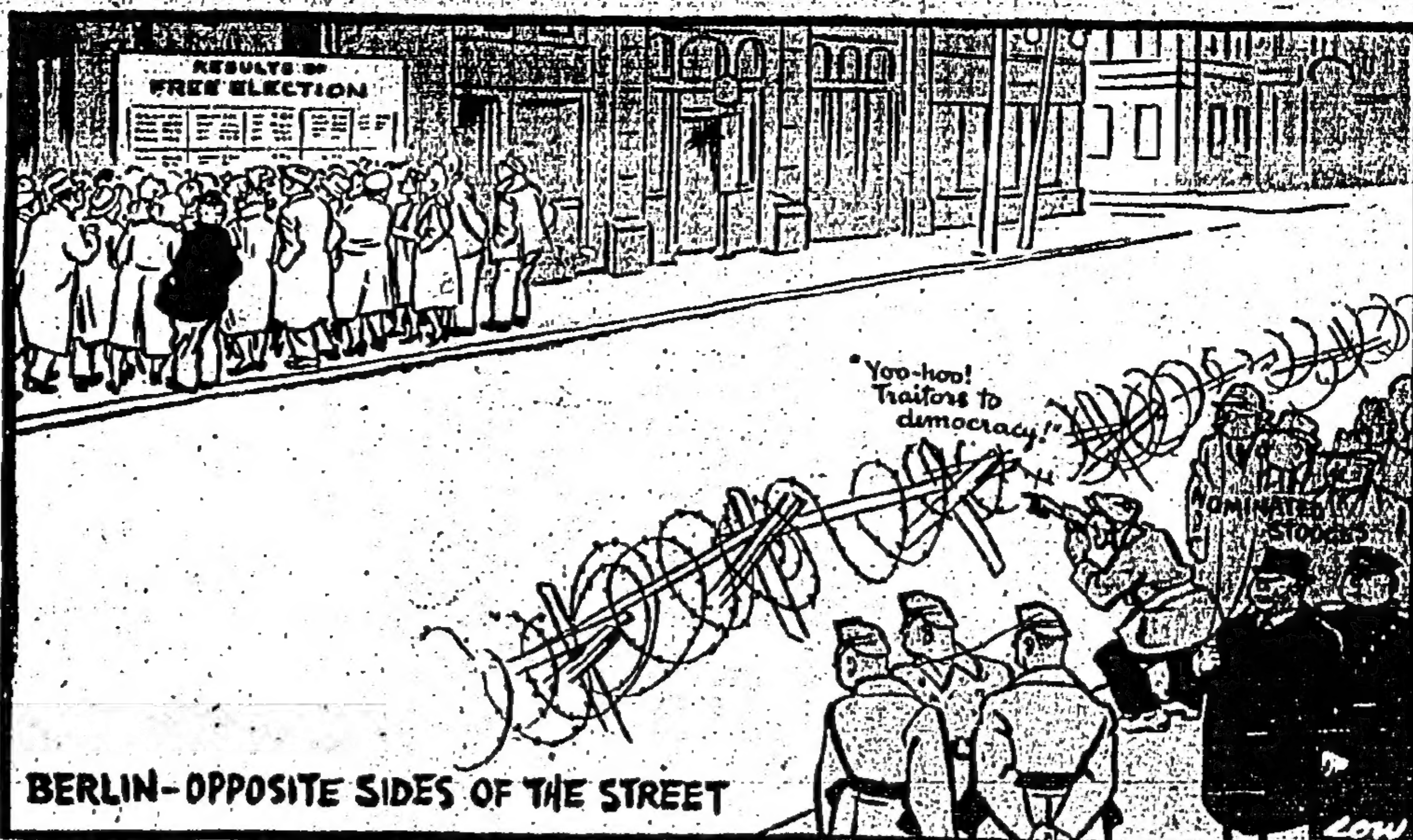
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## BESS TRUMAN: AMERICA'S RELUCTANT FIRST LADY

By DOUGLAS LARSEN



Mrs. Truman (waving) photographed on a campaign tour with the President and their daughter Margaret.

WILL Bess Truman go down in U.S. history as "The Reluctant First Lady?"

Many of her friends think that she will.

It was generally believed that the long delay in announcing the plans for the strenuous White House winter social season was because Mrs. Truman did not want to appear presumptuous before the election.

Her close friends and members of the White House staff, knew better. The delay was mostly feminine procrastination towards an unpleasant task.

Nobody who knows her would suggest that her heart was filled with anything but bursting pride at the news of her husband's sensational personal victory. But they say, too, that somewhere down inside was a small selfish feeling of dismay at the prospect of four more years of endless, stuffy teas, tortuous hours on aching feet in a reception line, uncomfortable, stiff state dinners, and the constant strain of life in the 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue fish bowl.

## SIMPLE PLEASURE

Defeat would have been a bitter pill to the President. But to Bess it would have meant the simple pleasure of cooking flap-jacks for the "boss" instead of an occasional hurried breakfast with him. It would have meant a pleasant visit or call to Roger Sermon, the grocer and mayor of Independence, Missouri, instead of a two-hour conference with a secretary, housekeeper and chef.

Just before she started campaign junketing with the President an incident occurred which

gave a good insight into the First Lady's attitude towards her official duties. A society reporter discovered that she had lunched with several other ladies at some obscure restaurant. The reporter found the woman who had arranged the party, and got this reply:

"I'm sorry you found out about it. We've been keeping it a secret for a couple of years."

A few of us who are real old friends of Bess get together once a month and try out a different place to eat. Of course, we all go Dutch treat. Bess says it gives her a chance to relax. You see, none of us are in the social register."

Mrs. Truman apparently has never caught on to the trick of relaxing like her husband does while performing social duties. At all but small, intimate gatherings of close friends her attitude appears to be one of stolid determination to see it through. The thousands of Americans who saw her on back-platform appearances during the campaign noticed this. Towards the end she was learning a little more natural smile when she was introduced. But the only thing that could crack her stiff pose while listening to the President's speeches was the frequent loud yell from the audience, "give 'em hell, Harry." She always laughed heartily at this.

Only one thing has really provoked her as far as her personal reaction to White House life goes, a good friend tells. It's the gossip that has got back to her about the hats she wears.

Among Washington fashion writers and society women it is almost a standard gag that Mrs. Truman's hats defy the current vagary of fashion almost as much

as the famous headgear of England's Queen Mary. Mrs. Truman resents this criticism. She says the only person she is interested in pleasing with her hats is her husband. Contrary to his own taste in hats, he likes to have his wife stick to simple millinery.

In supervising the housekeeping of the White House, friends say Mrs. Truman demands the same meticulous housekeeping she maintained in her modest home in Independence.

## NO TYRANT

Bess Truman is far from a household tyrant, however. The White House staff has a deep affection and great respect for her. They were more overjoyed than anyone about Truman's victory. A porter said:

"We sure are glad to keep Mrs. Truman here. She's a wonderful lady to work for."

As far as running the White House staff is concerned, Mrs. Truman quickly left her shyness. But the Mrs. Truman who insists on sparkling windows is different from the Mrs. Truman who greets the officials and diplomats at formal receptions. The former is a woman who likes and understands a job. The latter is a woman who believes that the most satisfactory social function is a meeting of the Tuesday afternoon women's bridge club in Independence, Missouri.

## 'THIS CHARMER FROM THE ARABIAN NIGHTS...'

## REBECCA WEST analyses the magic of the amazing MR STANLEY

by the tiresome preoccupation of the inquiry with its purpose.

There was the case over the unfortunate contraband at Margate. Mrs. Belcher had, according to Mr. Stanley, informed him that her husband was going to the Socialist Party Conference, and that she would like to go, too, for a rest and take the three children.

Mr. Stanley had then asked the family to stay with him, at his furnished house at Margate.

When he went home, however, his hospitable impulse was ill-received by Mrs. Stanley; she for whom the tailor in South Audley Street made the mauve outfit, she who went to America to buy steel. The nature of this reception was exquisitely evoked by Mr. Stanley.

Simply he reported, "My wife said, 'You're mad,'—and flung out his arms behind him. But he was for that moment transformed into a queenly housewife, justly infuriated by a slightly smaller husband who has brought his male lack of common sense into the sphere which is her province. It was good, eternal comedy."

He was brought up, he told us, in Stoke Newington; as was another practitioner of the blarney, Edgar Allan Poe, who was at school there. Before that there was Poland.

But truly this man, coming out of the pages of The Arabian Nights, He has brought the fantasy and the extravagance of the East to play

on what London has given him as the framework of existence, and the effect is astonishing. When he uses such phrases as "the company then opened a factory" or "the Government then placed a contract" it is as if he said, "when the magic palace rose from the sands of the desert" or then the Sultan, Haroun-al-Raschid opened his treasury."

Colonel George said in his evidence that Mr. Stanley was not conversant with the more elaborate procedures of business.

What is certain is that he brought to business a peculiarly exotic romanticism. He was always willing to follow the call of adventure when he saw the white hand of an important licence waving from the latticed window, or a new company being borne through the streets in a silken palanquin to the river for the purpose of its public flotation.

It can understand other parts of the Arabian Nights tales. These were those long, funny stories which concerned the doings of barbers and millers and people oddly called calenders who rushed about Bagdad tumbling in and out of luxury caravans and giving each other cheeky like mad and sometimes getting beaten.

But life was his laws everywhere. Through the Bagdad of The Arabian Nights Haroun-al-Raschid went in search of adventure, but when the night's play threatened the foundations of daily life he used the whips of justice.

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# 15 YEARS FOR YOKOHATA

## Man Who Ill-Treated S'hai Residents

Sentence of 15 years' imprisonment was passed by the War Crimes Court at Lyemun Barracks this morning on Sgt-Major Yokohata Toshiro, 35, a member of the Legal Section of the Shanghai Gendarmerie during 1942, for being concerned in the ill-treatment of Shanghai residents.

The sentence is subject to confirmation, and the Defence Counsel was reminded by the Court regarding the procedure to be adopted in the event of a petition being submitted to higher authorities.

The Court deliberated for 25 minutes before pronouncing sentence.

Yokohata declined to give any evidence or make any statement on his own behalf.

The Court comprised Lieut-Col. S. E. Kerr (President), Major E. H. Craig, Major J. R. L. McLeod-Martin, Middlesex (Members).

The Prosecutor was Major Peter Clague, RA (of the Army Legal Services Department, GHQ, FARLEF).

The accused was represented by Mr. Kokichi Masao (Japanese barrister) with Capt. W. R. L. Herries as advisory officer to the defence.

Yokohata was charged with being concerned in the ill-treatment of civilian residents in Shanghai, and in particular to Henry Forsythe, Ernest Le Roy, Stanley, Morris Joseph Soule, Boris S. Frank, the Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, Kenneth William Johnston and William Slade Bungey, detained in the cells of the Headquarters of the Shanghai Gendarmerie at Bridge House, causing them all physical suffering, between September 1 and November 30, 1942, while serving as a sergeant in the Gendarmerie.

### MISERABLE LIFE

On his arraignment on December 9, Yokohata made a frank admission of his guilt, but his plea was rejected by the Court, after deliberation, and the case proceeded to trial. Following the production of evidence in the form of affidavits from the victims of the ill-treatment, the Court found the accused guilty on December 11.

Yesterday, three documents testifying to Yokohata's character were submitted to the Court for consideration.

One was from Yokohata's wife, Nagai Midoriko, who spoke of the misery of their life in present-day Japan. Her husband, she said, had been their mainstay before he was arrested as a suspected war criminal. Since then, his aged father, a 74-year-old man, had been forced to find employment, although he was physically handicapped, in order to support the family, which consisted of their two children and two other children belonging to Yokohata's elder brother who was killed in the Philippines campaign. She declared her husband was a hardworking and honest man with a great sense of responsibility, and she was most bitter at what he had done to them. She asked that every mercy be shown him.

### "VERY KIND"

Another document, addressed to the Commander, Land Forces, Hongkong, was from Ishimo Yukiko, a former Japanese resident of Shanghai, who had been arrested by the Gendarmerie and interrogated by Yokohata. Ishimo said that Yokohata had been very kind to him during the questioning and had sympathised with him. There were many other civilians besides himself in Shanghai at that time who felt greatly obliged to the accused whose own opinion was contrary to that of his superiors.

This third affidavit from Teramoto Nabutake, a village elder who had known Yokohata for many years, declared that Yokohata was a kind-hearted person who showed great promise in his early life when he was a clerk and prior to his enlistment in the Japanese Army in 1935. Teramoto appealed for leniency for the accused, and asked that consideration be given to the difficult situation facing the family in Japan.

## JUDGMENT FOR CONVENT

Judgment was given by Mr Justice Reynolds at the Supreme Court this morning for the Mother Superior of the Daughters of Charity of the Canadian Institutes (Hongkong) who claimed possession of two floors of 34 Cairn Road, adjoining the premises of the Canadian Convent.

Mr J. T. Prior appeared for the plaintiff while the defendants, Ping Shek, residing on the ground floor of the disputed premises, and Karel Weiss, tenant of the second floor, were represented by Mr M. A. da Silva.

### Wounding Charge

Chan Hin-wan, 31, unemployed, of Shanghai charged with wounding Tsing Pul-ming and her mother, Wong Suk, maintained his plea of not guilty before Mr Justice Wickes at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr M. Heaton, Crown Counsel, said that the accused had been remanded from the last Sessions. He produced a medical certificate which stated that Chan was now fit to stand trial.

## Loses Scalp In Wringer



Mrs Alice Addis, 23, is comforted by her tearful mother, Mrs. Nicholas Bals, and her husband, Edward Addis, in a hospital in Los Angeles, Calif., after her scalp was torn off when her hair caught in a wringer. She was married last Thanksgiving Day. Doctors sewed the scalp back on and said her condition was not serious.—AP Picture.

## Spary, May, Kwok Plead Not Guilty

Kwok Kwong, foreman, Austin Spary and Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspectors of the Public Works Department, stood in the dock of the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr Justice Wickes and pleaded not guilty to several charges alleging larceny by public servant.

An application by Mr Percy Chen (instructed by Mr C.A.S. Russ) for bail for Kwok was refused. Counsel said the accused had been in custody for quite a long time. He was a resident of Hongkong, born here and all his family were here. With conditions as they were now there was no temptation to go into China and he was ready to stand trial.

Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, opposing bail said that the temptation to disappear into China was overwhelming at this stage. He submitted that it was not proper to grant bail four months ago if it was not proper to grant bail now.

### BAIL RENEWED

Mr Justice Wickes allowed renewal of bail in the cases of Spary and May. Spary is being defended by Mr V. J. L. D'Alton, on the instructions of Mr B. N. Cooper, while Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, is appearing for May.

Kwok is accused of stealing fluorescent lamps, ceiling fans and electrical cable and is also accused with Spary of stealing 600 yards of electrical cable, obtaining \$577.83 from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by false pretences, and stealing 650 yards and another 600 yards of electrical cable.

Spary is charged with the theft of fluorescent lamps and ceiling fans.

Kwok and Spary are also accused of the theft of 300 yards of cable, a fuse board and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Together with May, Kwok is charged with larceny of electrical cable, fluorescent lamps, falsification of documents with intent to defraud, theft of 400 yards of electrical cable and conspiracy to defraud.

All three accused were remanded for trial.

## LIFE BANISHEE SENT TO PRISON

For returning from life banishment, Lee Ping, alias Mr Leung, was sentenced to four years by Mr Justice Wickes at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, said that the accused was arrested while sleeping in a side lane off Second Street. In a statement in the lower court, he told the Magistrate that he did not intend to break the law and had returned to look for a friend.

In reply to his Lordship, the accused said that his wife was in Canton and he had no children.

## Family Wiped Out In Collision

Adelaide, Dec. 19.—An entire family except the father was killed when a car collided with a train at a level crossing near here today.

Those killed were a 38-year-old mother and three daughters, aged 23, 18 and 16, and a male relative of the family. The father, aged 61, was admitted to hospital with minor injuries.

The family was on its way to a pre-Christmas reunion.—Reuter.

## President Truman May Get A Rise

Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative John D. Dingell today proposed that President Truman's salary be raised to \$25,000 a year, with an extra \$25,000 tax-free expense account.

Mr Dingell's plan, which he will submit to the new Congress when it opens on January 3, would also give President a \$6,200 annual pension on their retirement, in return for free advice to their successors.—United Press.

## Dutch Statements Defend "Police Action" In Indonesia

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Netherlands Cabinet "unanimously decided" on action in Indonesia after the Republicans had failed to define their attitude towards The Netherlands within a time limit set for yesterday, a Dutch statement disclosed here tonight.

Mr Jan Herman Van Royen, leader of the Dutch delegation to the United Nations and Dutch Ambassador in Ottawa, told newsmen that the Indonesian Republican Premier, Dr Mohammed Hatta, had been given until yesterday to reply to a Dutch request for a definition of his Government's attitude.

When no answer was received, the Dutch Cabinet decided to "start police action to restore order in the Republic," Mr Van Royen said.

Mr Van Royen said the Dutch had asked the following questions: 1.—Was the Republic of Indonesia prepared to cease systematic violations of the truce agreed to between the two armies?

2.—Was the Republic of Indonesia prepared to guarantee Dutch sovereignty and a unified command during the transition period, pending Indonesian independence?

3.—Was the Republic of Indonesia prepared to gradually incorporate her Army into the Indonesian Federal Army?

Reviewing the events leading up to the decision to take police action, Mr Van Royen said the Benville Agreement, signed last January between The Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia, had been "consistently violated by extremist elements in the Republic of Indonesia who want to dominate the whole of Indonesia."

Many Republican leaders would like to reach an agreement with the Dutch, he added, "but they are dominated by the extremists who have a powerful influence, mainly over the Army."

Dr Hatta, the Republican Premier, himself had proved "helpless in the face of Indonesian extremists," Mr Van Royen added.

He went on: "Our objective is to establish a free and democratic Indonesia in which the Republic would play her part. But for this, we must first pacify the Republic. The terrorists want to set up a dictatorship over the rest of Indonesia. But we have proposed the other States to safeguard their independence."

Dutch forces in Indonesia numbered about 100,000. The Republican forces were between 300,000 and 400,000.

Asked about tomorrow's Security Council meeting to discuss the Indonesian question, Mr Van Royen said: "The Dutch Government considers the Security Council incompetent in this matter of domestic jurisdiction."

**HAGUE STATEMENT**  
At the Hague, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr D. U. Stikker, stated tonight that Holland has prepared a dossier on the Indonesian situation which would justify the Dutch "police action," before the Security Council.

He said the Government had been working for two months on dossiers and "booklets" giving inside information on the Republican truce violations and other facts.

He added that the timing of the "police action" had nothing to do with the time table of the Security Council. (When making his statement, the Foreign Minister was not aware that a special session of the Security Council had been called for tomorrow to discuss Indonesia.)

Dr Stikker said there would be no "widespread" of the Indonesian Republic leaders captured by

Dutch forces in the Republican capital of Jogjakarta.

"I feel we should treat them with the honour due to their rank and it is possible let them stay in their own homes," he said.

The Netherlands Government wanted the "police action" finished as speedily as possible. He said he had Hatta had actually drawn up articles for an overall agreement, but it was later admitted that Dr Hatta could not implement them.

The Federal States in Indonesia were not consulted or informed about the proposed "police action," he said.

Dr Stikker said that as the Republican Government had proved itself "unwilling or unable" to reach common ground for the resumption of negotiations, The Netherlands Government had taken the final step towards Indonesian sovereignty.

The Dutch action was received with general calm throughout Holland, and there were no outward signs of excitement. Some sort of action had been "universally feared" sooner or later, although most people hoped it could be averted.

The publication of special editions of newspapers this morning brought home to the people the seriousness of the position.

The Executive Committee of the Trade Union Federation (the NVV) has appealed to Dutch workers to stand at their tasks and take no rash action.

A truce has been in force in Indonesia since the signing on January 17 of the Benville agreement between the Republic and The Netherlands after nearly two and a half years of fighting in Java and Sumatra.—Reuter.

## REDS CLOSER TO NANKING

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of defensible positions without a fight, heightened the impression that General Fu seeks a deal rather than a battle.

Nanking military sources said there was increasing Communist activity around Tientsin.

Comparatively small Communist forces were said by the official Central Daily News to have captured a town near Tangku, the big seaport 27 miles from Tientsin.

Dispatches via Peiping said the Communists also had brought the Tientsin airfield under artillery fire. The field is three miles southeast of Tientsin on the road to Tangku, indicating that Tientsin may already have been cut off from its port.—Associated Press.

## Tragic Finish To Picnic

Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.—Twenty people were killed and 25 injured when a motor coach carrying 45 picnickers collided with a train in a narrow-gauge railway near San Isidro, 15 miles northwest of Buenos Aires.—Reuter.

## RADIO HONGKONG:

### Continuous Xmas Day Programme

Radio Hongkong will broadcast continuously for 15 hours and 40 minutes on Christmas Day, establishing a local record.

The station will open up at 8 o'clock in the morning and remain on the air until 11.40 p.m.

Highlights of the day will be the relay from London "Good Neighbourhood," a Christmas Day round-the-world link-up of goodwill messages, narrated by Robert Donat, followed an hour later by the King's Christmas broadcast.

Then, at 11.31, Christmas bells will be heard from London.

Christmas is the central theme of the entire day's programmes, starting with famous carols sung by the BBC Chorus at 8 a.m.

"Christmas Eve," a programme of specially selected records, will be heard at 9.25 a.m. and at 11 o'clock the Christmas service from St John's Cathedral will be relayed.

At 2 p.m. Linda Carter will present "Unit Requests," and at 3 o'clock listeners can hear excerpts from Handel's "Messiah."

Nan Dickenson will present her Hospital Request Hour at 5 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock the Children's Hour will be devoted to carols from "Round the World," and a BBC Christmas Party.

At 9 o'clock there will be the Christmas edition of "Much Binding in the Marsh," and at 10.30, Saturday Round-Up will bring to the microphone the crew of the plane which brought the Christmas mail from England.

At 8.40 will be heard the first episode in Dorothy L. Sayers' radio series, "The Man Born to be King," followed at 9.30 by a carol symphony.

Then follows "Good Neighbours," the King's broadcast, Radio Newcastle, a Christmas hymn, and Christmas bells. The station will go off the air at 11.40 p.m.

Full details of the day's programmes will appear in next Friday's edition of the Hongkong Telegraph.

## South African Government Split Forecast

Johannesburg, Dec. 19.—Political circles here forecast the possible defeat of the Union Government as a result of the threatened split in the Nationalist-Afrikaner coalition.

The present indications are, they say, that Mr N. C. Havenga, Minister of Finance and leader of the Afrikaner Party, will be forced out of the Cabinet following a recent speech in which he declared that he did not think it would be wise to amend the non-European franchise clauses of the constitution by a simple majority. The coalition government, he stressed, has at present only the slender majority of five.

Mr Havenga does resign, and he and General Smuts, leader of the United Party, join forces, they will defeat the Government during the next session of parliament.

The whole political situation here has been thrown into the melting pot by Mr Havenga's speech at Potchefstroom, the death of Mr J. H. Brakpan and the death of Mr J. H. Hofmeyr, South Africa's great Liberal and leader of the leftwing of the United Party on December 3.

Dr D. F. Malan, the Prime Minister, recently replied to Mr Havenga in a statement which said that his Government would continue to plan to amend the non-European franchise clauses of the constitution. He appealed to the Afrikaner Party to support the Government in its plans.

Dr Malan also stated that the whole issue of apartheid (the segregation of natives) including the abolition of native representation in the House of Assembly and the change in the franchise rights of the coloured people of Cape Province, would be put before the electorate at the provincial council elections, to be held on March 9.—Reuter.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.01, Camp Fire Broadcast by the Hongkong Boy Scouts; 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7, World and Home News (London Relay); 7.15, Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra; 7.30, Hospital Request Hour; 8, From the Editorial (London Relay); 8.15, Interlude; 8.25, Fred Hartley and His Music; (BBC's) 8.30, "I Like What I Live" presented by Yvonne Charter (Studio); 9, Special Christmas Concert given by the Band of the Buffs, conducted by W.B. Foster. Guest Artists: Doris Foster (contralto), Caroline Braga (Piano), Gus Duqueno (Tenor) with Betty Brown as Accompanist; and from China: "Peculiar"; 10, Radio Newcast (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, "Franch and Crab" (London); 10.17, with Joy Shelton and Sidney Taffer; 10.45, Dance to Eric Winstone and His (BBC's); 11.15, Weather Report and Close down.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 20 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. 15 mails close 20 a.m. registered and parcel post close at 2 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the ordinary closing time.

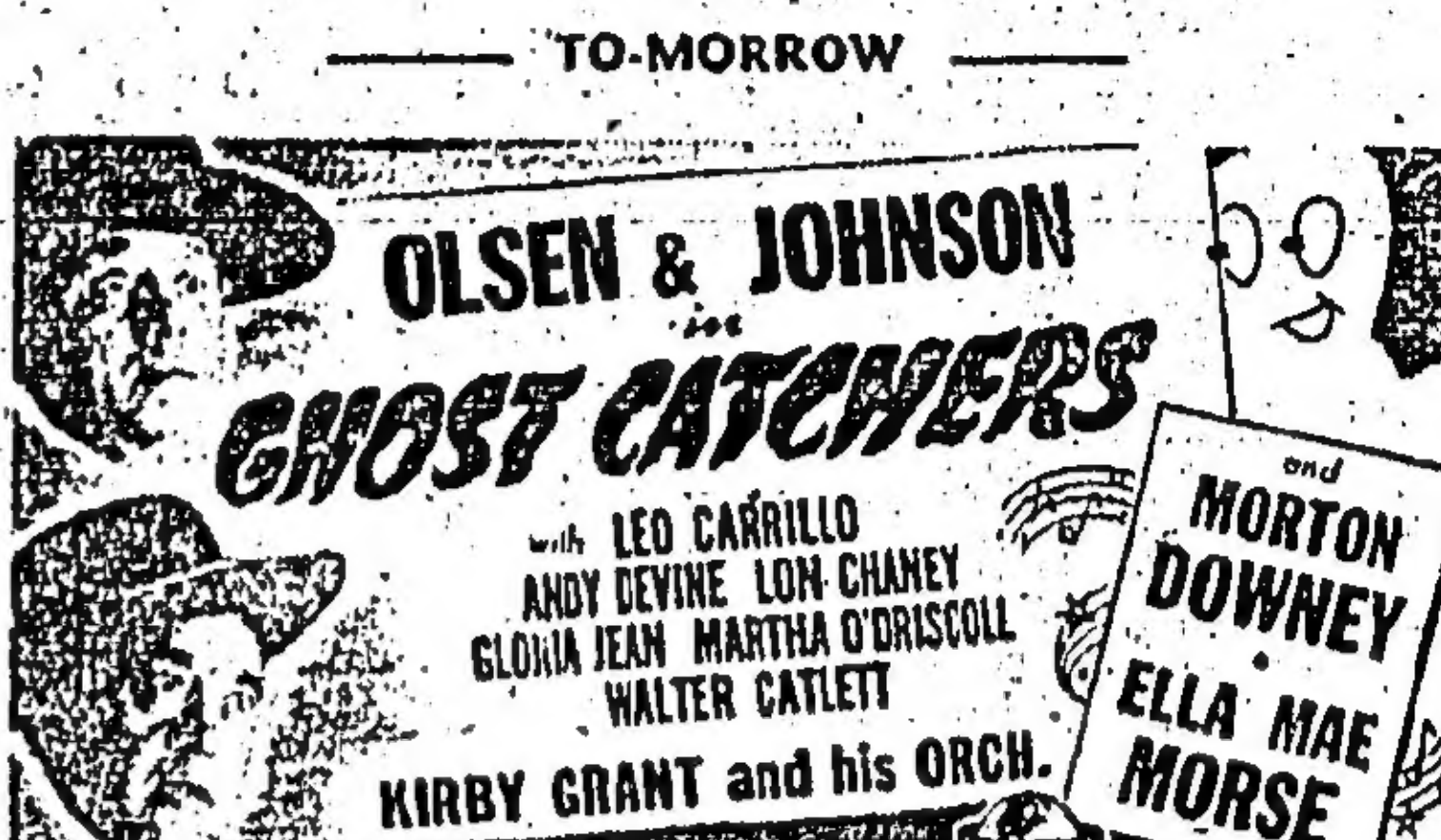
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TWO SHOWS TO-DAY

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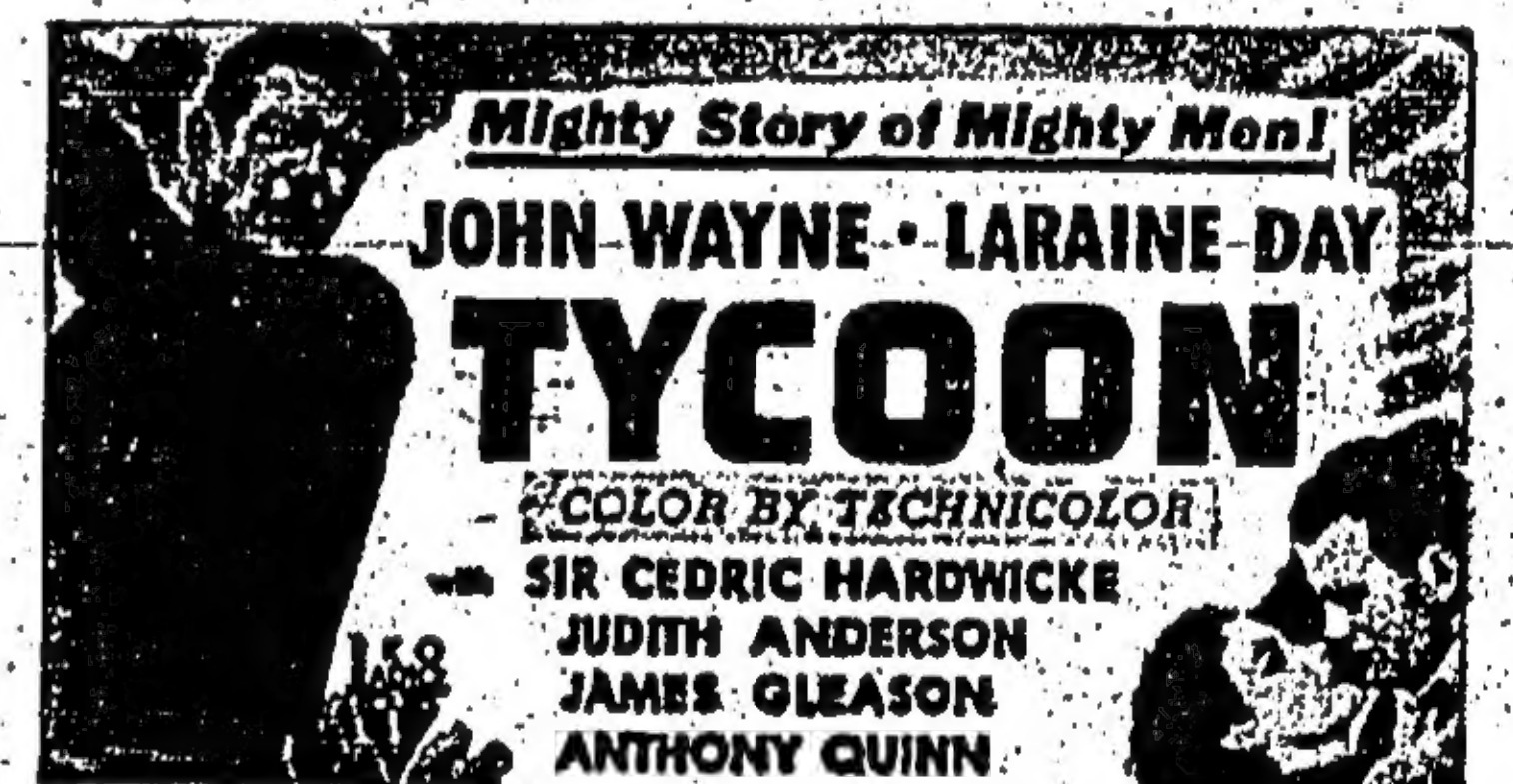
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TO-MORROW—FIRST SHOWING IN HONG KONG ONE OF CHINESE SUPERFINE PRODUCTION! "WIFE'S RELATION" DIALOGUE in MANDARIN

TIENTSIN ALL ASTIR

(Continued from Page 1). Numerous historic trees, hundreds of years old and of remarkable circumference which are among the attractions around the marble Temple of Heaven, are being uprooted by major explosives for speeding the construction of a second emergency airfield.

First aid units and medical centres are being established in various parts of the city under the initiative of the Public Health Bureau.

It was learned today that the British Consul-General, Mr. Scott L. Burdett, has requested an early interview with the Tientsin Garrison Commander to discuss the protection of foreign property and residents with growing signs that both Peking and Tientsin may be turned into battlegrounds.

Mr Burdett is a member of the Diplomatic Corps in Tientsin, where he returned from home leave exactly a week ago.—Reuter.

U.K. Businessmen "Want Monopoly"

Karachi, Dec. 19.—Tamizuddin Khan, President of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, today accused certain sections of British businessmen of trying to maintain the monopoly of trade and business with Pakistan.

Addressing the old boys of Islam College here, Tamizuddin Khan said he hoped the British Government would realise the narrowness of the attitude of these men, who "do not want Pakistan to develop industrially."

Membership of the British Commonwealth did not imply the curtailment of trade with the Soviet Union, the President said.

"If our independence can be jeopardised by remaining in the Commonwealth we shall never think of associating with it," he said. "It is not possible to remain in isolation," he concluded.—Reuter.



## SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

## ARMY'S SORRY DISPLAY AT SOOKUNPOO

The too-lightly regarded Royal Navy XI, playing as a Royal Navy IX, saved the face of local Services' cricket on Saturday by putting up a fairly creditable display against the KCC at King's Park.

Had rain not interfered, there was an outside chance that the Navy might have beaten a KCC team which, if to some extent a very "scratch" affair, was no more "scratch" than the Navy side.

Navy replied with 73 for five to KCC's 101 for nine wickets declared and some wild glogging could have made all the difference had not rain poured down. The match is to be replayed.

While Navy was putting up this hearty show, Army at Sookunpoo just missed being out for 22 against the Scorpions as Owen-Hughes failed to hold a catch in the slips that would have given Houghs a final analysis of seven for six.

Army crept up to 47 as Phillips, breathing easier after this "life", proceeded to become top-scorer with a merry 28.

It did not take the Scorpions very long to win by nine wickets.

**JUST AS BADLY**  
The RAF were, meanwhile, doing as badly at Chater Road. Though Cambrill's good length accounted for four good batsmen, the RAF at a cost of 44 runs there was no stopping the Optimists reaching 100 for nine wickets.

Then Mahon, who has begun to bowl all around the wicket, put on one of his best displays to date to take the wickets of Gall, Marshall, Morris and Belne, worth a good 70 to 80 runs, for a mere seven. Mahon finished with an analysis of 4 for 10, but it read 4-1-7-4 at one stage.

The Kilbee desire, in falling light, to give every optimistic bowler the side a chance to try his luck with the RAF, could have been lost Optimists three of their four points.

There were several changes of bowlers by not too many minutes left to go and the RAF's 10th wicket combination of Follett and Hodgson were very determined to stick it out.

By "RECORDER"

## EASY FOR RECREIO

It was not anticipated that Recreio would have a difficult time against the IRC at Sookunpoo and they did not.

The Indians were all out for 69 and Recreio lost four wickets passing that. These included Gerry Gosano, bowled by Ismail for a meagre three.

At Happy Valley, University batting had one of its better days reaching 104 against Billmorria (7 for 82) and Crabtree (6 for 45).

For some reason yet to be explained, the University bowling and fielding failed to get Craighower all out.

## HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Recreio	8	0	2	0	20
Scorpions	8	4	1	2	21
Army	8	4	2	2	18
Optimists	8	4	2	2	18
University	8	3	3	2	15
RAF	8	2	4	3	12
KCC	8	2	3	3	11
IRC	8	2	2	4	10
Craighower	8	1	2	5	6
Royal Navy	8	0	2	6	0

## Best Performances In Saturday's League Cricket

## BATTING

S. M. Teh (HKU v CCC)	34
D. Chelliah (HKU v CCC)	34
W. C. Cowie (KCC v Navy)	33
L. G. Gosano (Recreio v IRC)	30
C. P. Browne (Navy v KCC)	30
R. W. Franklin (Optimists v RAF)	28
Prof. L. T. Ride (HKU v CCC)	28
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions v Army)	25
L. C. Phillips (Army v Scorpions)	25
Dr. A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio v IRC)	22
T. P. Mahon (Optimists v RAF)	21

## BOWLING

P. J. Billmorria (CCC v HKU)	7-82
F. Houghs (Scorpions v Army)	6-22
C. P. White (Navy v KCC)	6-34
G. N. Gosano (Recreio v IRC)	4-17
T. P. Mahon (Optimists v RAF)	4-17
J. C. Koh (HKU v CCC)	4-10
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions v Army)	4-25
S. M. Teh (HKU v CCC)	4-32
F. O. E. N. Gambrill (RAF v Optimists)	4-45
A. C. D. Graham (RAF v Optimists)	4-55
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio v IRC)	3-15
G. Hong Choy (CC v HKU)	3-19

## Lancashire League Wants George Pope

London, Dec. 19.—The announcement that George Pope, England fast bowler, has been released from his contract by Derbyshire County Cricket Club does not necessarily mean that he will disappear from the cricket field.

Already one club in the Lancashire League is stated to have approached him with a view of playing for them next season. Pope, one of three cricketers, was for many years with Derbyshire, and yet his only appearance for England was against South Africa at Lord's in 1947.

In 1938 and again last summer he was among the 13 men selected for the first Test against the Australians at Nottingham, but he did not play in either game.

Pope took part in three "Victory Tests" in 1945, against the next season with the Colne Club in the Lancashire League, besides coaching in Ireland, and resumed with Derbyshire for the past summer, when, at the age of 37, he was first to complete the "double" of scoring one thousand runs and taking one hundred wickets.

Derbyshire are fortunate to possess such a capable successor as Leslie Jackson, their fast bowling "discovery," who did splendidly in his first County season and was considered by some judges worthy of a place in the MCC team now touring South Africa.—Reuter.

## Baseball's World Championship

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—An international amateur baseball tournament, sponsored by the National Baseball Congress, will be held in Tokyo in October, 1950, instead of the next year, Global Commissioner J. G. Taylor Spink announced today.

Spink said the delay was requested by Major General W. F. Marquart, NBC Commissioner in Japan. He said that Marquart advised that Japan should be able to handle the tournament in 1950 "even if the peace treaty is not yet signed." United Press.

## HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
IRC	5	4	0	1	16
RAF	5	2	0	3	12
Army	5	2	1	2	9
Royal Navy	5	2	0	3	8
KCC	5	1	0	4	4
Recreio	5	1	0	4	4



## THE LOUIS CROWN CONTENDERS

## Stalemate In The Heavyweight Ranks

London, Dec. 19.—There is a stalemate among boxing's big men and it is likely to continue for several months at least. In spite of tempting offers for a fight with Ezzard Charles, the coloured American, in the United States, and the efforts of Leo Savold to engage him in London, Freddie Mills, Britain's outstanding boxer of the year, is adamant that he will not "duck under the ropes" again until next April.

The reason is that Freddie does not take kindly to fighting "for the income tax people." He has earned so much money in the past 12 months that even £12,000 purses have lost their appeal when it means paying tax at the rate of 19 shillings and six pence in the Pound.



## THE WEEK-END SCOREBOARD

## FOOTBALL FIRST DIVISION

S. China "A"	4	St Joseph's	3
Navy	0	CAA	1
Kwong Wah	2	Eastern	0
Army	1	Club	3
S. China "B"	5	RAF	3
KMB	5	Police	1

## HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
S. China "A"	10	10	0	0	34	11	20
KM Bus	11	9	0	2	35	12	18
Chinese AA	11	7	1	3	30	19	15
Kitchee	11	6	1	4	30	24	13
Army	11	5	2	4	27	21	12
S. China "B"	10	4	2	4	23	18	11
Eastern	10	4	2	4	20	10	10
Club	10	3	2	5	17	24	8
Police	8	2	4	2	16	22	8
Navy	8	1	1	7	10	31	3
Kwong Wah	10	1	1	8	20	3	3
RAF	11	1	1	9	15	44	3

## SECOND DIVISION

Kitchee	5	W.D. Chinese	1
Army (HK)	3	S. China	2
CAA	7	Soleitors	3
Tramways	7	Talkoo	0
Army (K'n)	2	KMB	2
Navy	1	Dockyard	1
St. Joseph's	2	Police	3

## HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Chinese AA	15	13	0	2	72	23	26
South China	11	1	2	8	13	23	23
Army (K'n)	13	10	2	1	42	10	22
KM Bus	12	9	2	1	50	12	20
Navy	14	8	2	4	51	10	19
Kitchee	14	7	4	3	32	18	18
Army (HK)	11	8	1	2	34	17	17
Police	13	5	4	4	24	21	14
Tramways	13	4	2	7	23	14	14
St. Joseph's	13	4	1	8	23	34	9
Club	13	4	1	8	15	37	9
Dockyard	13	4	1	8	30	48	9
WD Chinese	13	2	10	1	21	57	8
PCA	11	3	1	7	21	35	7
Talkoo	12	3	0	9	18	37	6
Soleitors	14	1	1	12	12	53	3
University	13	0	1	12	7	46	1

## HOCKEY

Khalasa	4	Civil Service	2
Navy	4	University	0
Police	3	Dockyard RC	0
Army	10	YMCA	0

## HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Recreio	11	10	1	0	44	3	21
Army	11	7	3	1	44	10	17
Navy	10	7	2	1	21	12	16
Khalasa	10	7	1	2	23	9	16
Police	10	5	1	4	15	18	11
University	11	5	1	5	20	11	11
Civil Service	10	4	1	5	28	9	9
Dutch HC	11	4	1	6	15	22	9
RAF	11	3	1	7	20	27	7
C & W	11	2	0	9	11	43	4
YMCA	7	1	0	6	4	31	2
Dockyard RC	11	1	0	10	11	45	2

## RUGBY

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Club	9	Royal Navy	6
Army	35	RAF & Police	0

## SOFTBALL SENIOR LEAGUE

Americans	3	V.R.C.	5
Chung Hwa	7	Sainte	8
Phillips	11	Overseas	13
Canadians	3	Madcaps	9

## JUNIOR LEAGUE

Beaves received forfeit from			
Rangers.			
Wildfires	4	Mohawks	5
LADIES' LEAGUE			
Canadiennes	16	Pirates	3
Wahoos	3	Wildcats	1

## FRIENDLY

U.S.S.	12	Local Nine	4
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## MACKINTOSH'S

OPEN ALL DAY

Hours of Business

All This Week

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## League Cricket Averages

## BATTING:

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest	Average
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	7	4	115	110	57.50
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	7	2	275	55	55.00
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	7	3	183	79	45.75
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Scorpions)	6	3	110	28	36.66
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	6	1	177	85	35.40
L. D. Kilbee (Scorpions)	6	2	120	57	30.00
F. Houghs (Scorpions)	6	4	116	30	29.00
P. M. N. da Silva (Recreio)	6	2	123	38	26.00
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	7	2	102	71	24.00
A/C J. S. Belne (RAF)	6	1	143	48	23.83
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	6	2	142	39	23.66
G. A. Souza (Craighower)	6	1	169	72	23.62
M. M. Gosano (University)	6	1	138	64	23.00
J. M. Oliver (Optimists)	6	1	134	56	22.33
M. M. Little (Optimists)	7	1	105	48	21.00
E. C. Fincher (KCC)	7	1	105	48	21.00
A. H. Madar (IRC)	6	1	157	58	19.57
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	8	1	151	39	18.87
F/O M. D. Marshall (RAF)	8	1	140	52	18.25
Major C. R. May Brown (Army)	8	1	143	42	17.87
A. Zimmern (KCC)	8	1	154	39	17.11
G. Hong Choy (Craighower)	8	1	110	31	17.11
W/Cdr A. D. Pantlon (RAF)	7	1	125	34	15.62
D. Chelliah (University)	8	1	137	29	15.22
S. Ramchand (Craighower)	8	1	137	29	15.22

\* Not Out. Qualification: 100 runs with an average above 15.00.

## BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. Clague (Scorpions)	25.3	9	51	10	5.10
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	10.3	4	61	11	5.54
L. A. Stepto (Army)	70.2	10	150	21	7.14
Cpl Hart (Royal Navy)	44	14	117	10	7.21
Gnr D. Banton (Army)	71.4	20	132	16	7.80
L/Cpl L. Jones (Army)	39	0	179	21	8.52
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	103.1	22	294	33	8.90
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	59	19	208	23	9.04
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	60	17	212	23	9.21
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	71.5	7	241	20	9.26
J. C. Koh (University)	98.5	9	229	13	9.92
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	42.4	9	129	12	10.18
F. Houghs (Scorpions)	95	4	117	11	10.63
A. R. Kitchee (Craighower)	22.1	0	111	10	11.10
G. Hong Choy (Craighower)	59.5	5	198	16	12.37
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	47.5	7	150	12	12.50
Cpl A. Hodgson (RAF)	82	10	218	17	12.82
CPO White (Royal Navy)	82	15	245	10	12.60
F/O E. N. Gambrill (RAF)	82	13	279	21	13.28
S. M. Teh (University)	85	14	244	18	13.55
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	102.5	12	209	21	14.23
T. H. Leach (University)	68	16	219	15	14.60
F. B. Zimmern (KCC)	132	21	468	32	14.62
P. J. Billmorria (Craighower)	132	21	468	32	14.60
A. E. Perry (Optimists)	51	10	148	10	14.80
R. E. Lee (KCC)	73	11	216	14	15.42
T. Crabtree (Craighower)	130.5	24	392	25	15.68

Qualification: 10 wickets for an average of under 10.00.

## SECOND DIVISION

## Two Narrow Victories

The KCC surrendered their last slim chance of winning the second division championship on Saturday in what was, for them, a heart-break game against the Stonecutters Island eleven which this year is representing the Navy in this division.

Price, Navy's last man in with the KCC holding a slender lead of eight runs, appeared to be well stumped, but the decision was given in the batsman's favour and he immediately lashed out and scored the necessary runs for a one-wicket victory.

The Navy wicket was tricky when the KCC batted and both Windmill and Noise made the ball come through at disconcerting heights and speeds. There was much less venom in the pitch when Navy batted, chiefly because of a persistent light rain which finally became a downpour.



## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN



# UNION DOMINATED BY REDS

## COMMITTEE'S ALLEGATION

Washington, Dec. 19.—The House Labour sub-committee today charged that the CIO United Electrical Workers of America were dominated by Communists and called the situation a "serious threat to the security of the United States."

A report released by the sub-committee chairman, Representative Charles Kersten, called the American Communist Party a "sinister apparatus controlled from abroad."

"It is mostly composed of misguided but intelligent and resourceful zealots who would break the dyke of civilisation and let barbarism flood the world," said the report.

Stating that the Communist Party "seeks sources of power that can paralyse America," it said the Party had "gained a strong foothold in one of the nation's most strategic industries—electrical industry."

The report charged that the Communists had "seized control" of the National Office Executive Board, and paid the staff of newspapers and a number of District Councils and Locals of the CIO Electrical Union, the largest in the electrical industry.

Nothing that many products of the electrical industry "relate to national defence," it said. "The above facts, taken together, constitute a serious threat to the security of the United States."

The Electrical Workers Union is the largest of the CIO Left Wing Unions, with membership of over 600,000. The CIO President, Philip Murray, has not tried to purge its leaders as he has those of other Left CIO affiliates.

National CIO leaders believe the electrical group's officers are not actually Communists and can be won away from Left Wing leanings.

In addition, the Union's top officers were overwhelmingly re-elected in October.—United Press.

## CATHEDRAL'S NAVE RESTORED

Vienna, Dec. 19.—The main nave of the war-damaged Cathedral of St Stephen was officially re-opened today with a pontifical High Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop of Vienna, Cardinal Theodor Innitzer.

The Archbishop ceremoniously opened the great door with a golden key before leading a procession to the high altar.

For an hour the cathedral choir sang and the whole building was flooded with light. Loudspeakers had been installed to broadcast the ceremony to the huge crowds outside, who joined in the hymns.

The cathedral was badly damaged during the battle for the city in April 1945. Half a million glazed tiles were provided to restore the multi-coloured roof and other materials were made available for renewal of precious frescoes, paintings, statues and gargoyles.—Reuter.

## Gen's Memory Honoured

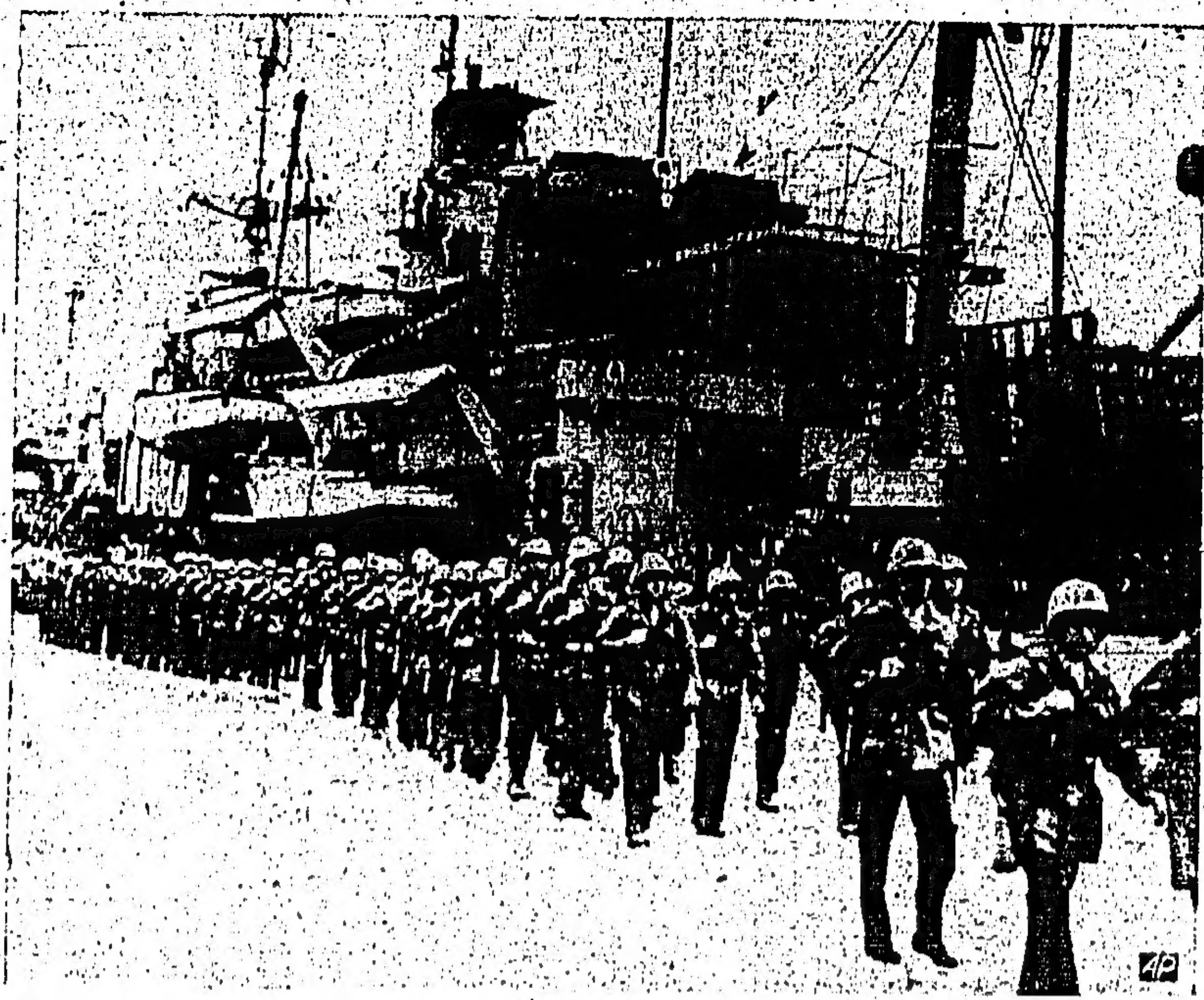
Shanghai, Dec. 20.—An impressive memorial service for the late Nationalist commander, General Huang Po-fu, and Commander Liu Shen-hao, of the 4th Division, who fell in the battle of Hsichow, was held at a Chinese theatre here yesterday with over 3,000 people attending.

The Mayor of Shanghai, Mr. K. C. Wu, presided over the meeting and lauded the "glorious example" of the two military leaders. Quoting the famous hard-fighting General Yu Fei in Chinese history, Mayor Wu said the war will come to a victorious end if "civil servants shut money and Army officers defy death."

Among other speakers were Mr. Fang Chih, head of the local Kuomintang headquarters, and Mr. Sui Hsiang-yun, chairman of the Shanghai General Labour Union.

Many crippled and wounded Army officers and soldiers who served under the late General Huang Po-fu were also present.—Reuter.

## The Marines Arrive



U.S. Marine reinforcements march off the dock at Tsingtao, after disembarking from the USS Bayfield (in background) which brought them to China to protect American lives and property at Tsingtao. Photo by Associated Press Staff Photographer C. P. Gorry.

## 17 Govt. Servants Dismissed As 'Security Risks'

Washington, Dec. 19.—A House spy investigator today revealed that the State Department had discharged 17 employees in the past few months as "security risks." The disclosure came from the acting chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Representative Karl Mundt, who said 151 State Department employees had been ousted since January 1, 1947.

Mr. Mundt said the State Department figures underscored the Committee contention that the "hazard" of Red espionage still existed and that every Communist in the Government was a potential spy. He said: "The Communist espionage hazard is still very much present in our Government offices today. Our investigations have now made this fact abundantly clear."

With the Hiss-Chambers case nearing its end, the Committee is setting out to determine present Communist espionage within the Government. Two investigators have been assigned and are expected to report within two weeks. Mr. Mundt said 91 of the State Department employees who had been dismissed as security risks were cases that could be classified as "of acute significance."

"In virtually all cases of acute and immediate significance, it was relationships or sympathies with Communist groups in this country that brought about terminations of employment," he said.

"VITAL INFORMATION" He issued his statement as the Committee prepared to map out its espionage investigating programme for the rest of the year. Legislators will meet tomorrow morning to confer on what witnesses to call. There is a possibility they will call George Hewitt, negro ex-Communist who promised to provide "vital information" on Soviet espionage. However, he made his promise on condition of protection. Committee members said Hewitt would receive that protection through formal subpoena, which would bring him under the law, making it a criminal offence to molest a witness who has appeared before a Congressional Committee.

Mr. Mundt said the Committee might not hear Hewitt until later in the week. Mr. Mundt is negotiating with the Justice Department for permission to call eight witnesses who may be involved in the espionage investigation of the New York Federal Grand Jury. Mr. Mundt said the Committee wanted to call Mrs. Alice Hays Alger's brother Donald, Henry Julian Wainwright and William Ward Pigman, former Government employees also accused by Chambers and Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley, another self-

## Heavy Losses By British Air Companies

London, Dec. 19.—The three British State-owned Airways Corporations lost \$3,990,000 between April and September this year, compared with a loss of \$4,690,000 for the same period in 1947, according to provisional figures issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation today.

This figure does not include losses of certain subsidiary and associated companies.

This loss was expected to be more than doubled by the end of the current financial year, and the final deficit was bound to exceed \$8,000,000 subsidy voted for the three corporations this year, the Ministry's statement said.

"While substantial progress has been made over the last two years, there is still far to go," the statement said.

"The measures of reorganisation and economy, which have not yet borne fruit, are being pushed forward with drastic vigour. New aircraft will begin to come into service next year."

## DRUG RESTORES MAN'S SIGHT

Vienna, Dec. 19.—A blind man recovered his sight within five minutes of his being given an injection of an American "truth drug" in Vienna, according to Professor Kauders, of the Physical Clinic of Vienna University.

The professor believed the cause of the blindness to be psychic rather than physical. He gave an injection of the "truth drug" (sodium amytal) and while the patient was under its influence suggested to him that he could see.

The professor said five minutes after the injection, the man, aged 21, was able to read a newspaper.—Reuter.

## LEAKAGES IN EXPORT CONTROLS

Washington, Dec. 19.—A Senate super-investigating Committee today charged that there were "serious delinquencies" in United States export controls and demanded stricter enforcement to make sure goods shipped abroad did not trickle through the Iron Curtain.

The Committee, headed by Senator Homer Ferguson, said the export programme was being handled better now but "there is still considerable room for improvement."

Its report was based on a long investigation of an alleged black market in export licences and charges that a "black market" eventually found their way to Russia and her satellites.

Among other things, it urged the Commerce Department to strengthen present export regulations, to keep a strict check on all shipments and to make certain their final destinations. Without such precautions, it said, the flow of illegal exports could reach such volume that it would create shortages at home and fire up an "inflationary spiral."

## LACK OF VIGOUR

Then, also, it said, "the national security aspects are of transcendent importance, particularly in view of the present activities of the Soviet Union and its satellites."

The Committee said that during its investigation the programme was being run so that it "rewarded the unscrupulous and made it extremely difficult for many honest merchants to survive."

"It said the Administration had approached the problem with marked lack of vigour and foresight."

## To Seek Congress Loan For Israel

New York, Dec. 19.—The New York Republican Representative, Mr. Jacob Javits, said tonight he will ask Congress next month to lend Israel \$100,000,000.

He regards the Middle East as a " tinder box " which can be ignited into war and "a key point for effective internal aggression by Communists in the Arab countries."

## Schooners To Sail 18,000 Miles

Moscow, Dec. 19.—A group of Soviet schooners leaving Leningrad to join the Eastern fleet will cover 18,000 miles under sail crossing the Baltic, the North Sea, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in a voyage to Vladivostok. Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said today the vessels will be used as fishing vessels and despatch boats with the fleet.—Reuter.

## GENERAL STRIKE CALLED ITALIAN CIVIL SERVANTS

Rome, Dec. 19.—Italian workers were ready to fight to the bitter end, Signor Giuseppe de Vittorio, Secretary General of the Communist-led Italian General Confederation of Labour, said in a speech in Rome tonight.

Signor de Vittorio's six million strong union group has called a general strike of Government employees which is due to begin at midnight. He added that Signor Alcide de Gasperi's Government "is an autocratic Government and it should go."

The Premier, Signor de Gasperi, in a speech on the radio, declared that Government servants could only be paid more money by increasing taxes and adding "if we granted greater increases than prices would rise in a spiral."

PREMIER'S PROMISE The Premier promised that all legitimate claims would be made good once Italy has recovered from the ravages of war. Asking against when the strike is directed, Signor de Gasperi said: "This is not a conflict between capital and labour. Public administration is not a capitalist undertaking, yielding profits, but operated in the service of the nation."

He said the public employees have the greatest interest in seeing freedom does not perish in Italy "as has happened in so many other countries of Europe."

The General Confederation of Labour has called a 24-hour strike throughout the Government services because it considers inadequate the wage increases for State employees. Railways, telegraphs, telephones and posts are among the services which will be affected. The two million strong Independent Trade Union Movement under the Catholic trade union leader, Signor Giulio Pastore, said today it would not take part.

## PLEBISCITE

The Trade Union Movement is still awaiting the results of a plebiscite for or against strike action among its provincial organisations. With the help of the Independent Trade Union Movement, the Government hopes to maintain skeleton railway services during the strike.

The Government has announced that these services will run with "full safety measures," thus answering the Communist newspaper, Unità, which today alleged that trains would run "without the legal safety devices."

The Government also told workers that they are liable to dismissal on prosecution if they took part in "any movement disturbing normal public services."

The Italian population seemed to night but little worried by the strike call as they prepared for the most plentiful Christmas since the war.—Reuter.

## Tojo Wants To Get It Over

Tokyo, Dec. 19.—Japan's wartime Prime Minister, Hideki Tojo, under sentence of death for war crimes, was quoted by his lawyer today as saying: "I am just hoping for the execution of the sentences as soon as possible."

Solomon Kyoss, the lawyer, told reporters that Tojo believed the fight over the appeals of the seven top Japanese convicted of war crimes to the United States Supreme Court was a question of protecting the American Constitution and the conflict over them will be carried out according to that Constitution.

American Government attorneys had submitted to the Washington Supreme Court on December 10 that it had no authority to rule in the appeal of Japanese convicted of war crimes by the Tokyo military tribunal.

Five of the Japanese were sentenced to prison terms and two condemned to death.

The United States Solicitor General, Mr. Philip B. Perlman, in a brief filed with the United States Supreme Court, hearing the appeals, asked it not to "tamper" with the International Tribunal which sentenced Tojo and six other high Japanese war leaders to death.

Some of those sentenced have not appealed.—Reuter.

## SHAI ORDERS U.S. COAL

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—An order for the purchase of more than 200,000 tons of coal from the United States, Soviet Russia and India has been placed by the local authorities in an effort to augment the depleted stocks of fuel of Shanghai's various public utility services, according to an unconfirmed Chinese press report today.

The measure is said to have been necessitated by the spread of the civil war, which has cut off coal supplies from the Sino-British Kailan Mining Administration in North China.

The imported coal will include 100,000 tons of ECA coal, the report said, adding that Soviet coal will be shipped here via Vladivostok. No definite date of shipment was given in the report.—Reuter.

## POCKET CARTOON



## ONE WORLD CITIZEN TO BE HEARD

Brussels, Dec. 19.—Garry Davis, self-styled citizen of the world, has been called everywhere, from a full-fledged crackpot to an ordinary publicity hound, but Belgian newspapers are taking him seriously.

The Socialist Party organ, Le Peuple, devoted to him a 2,000-word front page editorial by their political director, Victor Laroek. He is generally considered as one of the most powerful influences in the Belgian Socialist Party and is also a Belgian representative to the United Nations General Assembly.

Although admitting that a world divided in two camps makes world federation almost impossible, Laroek says that the ex-bomber pilot "is right about millions of Europeans."

CONSCIENCE PROTEST "He is right about parliaments and governments who often clearly see the course they should follow, but have not the courage to win the people over to them. We are going to hear him and encourage him if he comes to Belgium as announced. His protest is one of human conscience."

The Liberal Party organ, Le Dardier, in another front page editorial, said that Garry Davis is "probably a sincere man," but "it wonders if he knows the consequences of his acts."

The paper suspects that his one-world campaign is being financed by people "engaged in Communism," and adding: "This citizen of the world inspires us with more distrust than sympathy."—United Press.

## Mersey Collision

London, Dec. 19.—The 3,459-ton Swedish motor vessel, Kallum, bound for Narvik, collided today with the 1,988-ton Danish steamer Harald in the Mersey according to a Lloyd's message.

The Kallum had two plates on the starboard side dented and the Harald was damaged forward and had taken water. Both ships will be docked.—Reuter.

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